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Businesses and benefits

Companies surveyed provide the basics, but some include more

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - An hour before Costco opens to customers, employees prepare by opening boxes, filling freezers, wrapping fresh baked danishes.

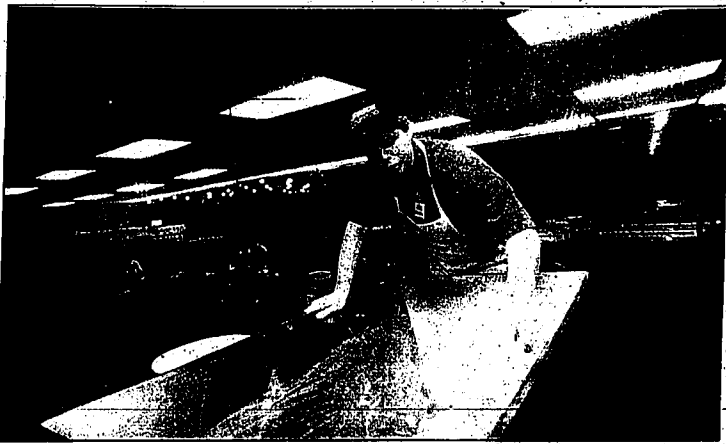
Shelly Wright is on the floor. She has worked at the store since it opened in Twin Falls almost five years ago, and the benefits are one reason she stays.

"To know my family is safe and covered, it's really peace of mind," she said. "I worked at other places where you had to pay more money for the benefits and they didn't cover as much," said another employee, Bryan DeGrange. "It makes a big difference for me."

A *Times-News* survey of 19 public and private employers shows they offer the basics of medical, retirement, holidays and sick time to workers. But several exceed that.

Employers say good benefits help keep good employees. The feeling is mutual. "It makes you feel like the company puts a strong emphasis on its employees," said Costco bakery manager Carlee Wonderlich.

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Brenda Telleth cleans a muffin dropper in the bakery department of Costco in Twin Falls. Telleth has been with the company since the store opened almost five years ago.

Mother abandons newborn at Jerome LDS church

By William Brock
Times-News writer

JEROME - Someone abandoned a newborn baby at the Mormon church on Friday night, and local police are searching for the mother.

The healthy Caucasian girl was found at about 8:30 p.m. when the church was open for a soup-kitchen meal for the needy, said Jerome Police Chief Jim Dahl.

"The infant was found in a cardboard box atop a heating grate."

"Some people walked by and heard a baby cry, and they looked inside the box," Dahl said. Also found in the box were stuffed animals and a poem, note, presumably written by the child's mother.

"She left a note saying, 'Please help my baby. My father says I can't keep it,'" Dahl said. The source also was concerned about the safety of the baby," Dahl continued. "It wasn't just dumped; it was placed there so someone would find it."

Doctors estimate the child was 24-36 hours old when it was discovered.

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covered. It was probably born at home, Dahl added, because the umbilical cord was clamped off in a nonstandard fashion.

Officials from the state Department of Health and Welfare have placed the child with a Jerome foster family, Dahl said.

Meanwhile, Jerome police are tracking down leads to find the mother.

"We're anxious to find this girl," Dahl said. "We're not interested in prosecution at this point. We just want to get her help."

Officers interviewed several women Friday night and Saturday, but it was clear that none of the women had given birth recently.

"It's real easy to find the ones that it ain't," Dahl said, "because they're still sucking out."

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Crash critically injures mother

Car seat saves, protects baby boy

By William Brock
Times-News writer

JEROME - A 15-year-old mother was gravely injured Saturday morning, but her 4-month-old baby was unscathed when their vehicle careened off an icy highway and rolled three times.

Lisa Morrow, of Jerome, was thrown 30 feet from her small pickup during the accident on Interstate 84 between the Jerome and Twin Falls exits, said Trooper Scott Earle of the Idaho State Police.

Morrow was not wearing a seat belt, but her 4-month-old son, Gavin Morrow, was securely strapped into a child's seat, Earle said.

"It's this simple," Earle said. "Mom wasn't wearing a seat belt, but the baby was in a car seat and was perfectly unharmed. It was giggling when I got there."

"That seat absolutely saved that baby," Earle said. "The wreck occurred at about 7:15 a.m. when Morrow, headed east, pulled into the fast lane to pass another car. The road was



Idaho State Police trooper Scott Earle says this child seat saved the life of 4-month-old Gavin Morrow in an early-morning accident Saturday. Gavin's mother, Lisa Morrow, was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the vehicle.

speckled with patches of ice and, a witness told Earle, Morrow was doing more than 65 mph, he said.

"She lost control and went off the left side of the road, into the median and across the west-bound (lanes)," Earle said. Morrow's pickup "finally came to rest on the side of the road - and she was thrown 30 feet further."

Morrow was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and later flown to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where a hospital spokeswoman described her condition as critical.

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Lewinsky's lawyer: She might talk

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The attorney for Monica Lewinsky said Saturday the former White House intern will not protect President Clinton, and sources familiar with her bid for immunity said she would be willing to reverse her story and acknowledge she had sex with Clinton.

"We will not go south" for the president, William Ginsburg told The Associated Press.

Ms. Lewinsky's testimony could expose the president to allegations of perjury in connection with his sworn deposition last weekend in the Paula Jones case.

As the gravity of Clinton's situation settled upon the White House, one of his attorneys, Robert Bennett, accused Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr of being "hell bent on getting President Clinton."

"Everybody can bend if placed under enough pressure," Bennett said of Starr's tactics in winning damaging testimony from Ms. Lewinsky.

Clinton himself was silent amid a scramble of offices. One pack of aides focused on his looming State of the Union address, which Clinton rehearsed for at least two hours in the family theater, while another group was gathering documents in response to a broad subpoena by Starr.

Ginsburg made clear that he and his client had no interest in protecting the president. "We're going to cooperate (with Starr). We will not go south or sour



William Ginsburg, attorney for Monica Lewinsky, arrives at NBC studios Friday in Washington.

like Webb Hubbell or Susan McDougal." He was referring to two figures who landed in jail but never did give Starr incriminating information on Clinton. McDougal has been detained since Sept. 9, 1996 for refusing to testify before the Whitewater grand jury.

Attorneys for Starr and Lewinsky were talking through Saturday. Prosecutors want to know exactly what Ms. Lewinsky is willing to say about the president.

Her lawyer wants assurances of immunity without fully describing what she knows.

Sex scandal puts policy plans on hold

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - The White House sex scandal is putting major policy initiatives in a state of suspended animation, including plans to craft a national tobacco settlement, build East Asian economies and expand Medicare.

Policy-makers around the capital say it is suddenly perilous to predict what will become of an assortment of foreign policy and domestic issues that require the strong whip-cracking hand of presidential leadership.

White House officials and congressional leaders insist they will soldier on. But politicians warn that it will be hard to resolve the thornier issues as long as the president is hobbled or distracted by the incendiary charges that he had a sexual relationship with a former White House intern and then lied about it.

"I'm concerned about how the government functions if this thing isn't resolved really quickly," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

"Until there is some kind of resolution, it's a mess."

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NATION

Advisers edge closer to strike against Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's senior national security advisers edged closer Saturday to recommending a military strike against Iraq unless Saddam Hussein somehow reverses his interference with U.N. weapons inspectors, well-placed U.S. officials said.



Madeline Albright William Cohen
Advisers of the Iraqi president with the U.N. weapons inspection commission was unacceptable, and that the allies would be consulted on what to do next.

"We've said again and again we prefer diplomacy, but diplomacy isn't working," one official told The Associated Press. "So at the meeting, all options were put

on the table. No decision was taken to do anything at any particular time."
But the officials, who insisted on anonymity, said the administration was edging closer to a military action to force Iraq's compliance. One senior administration official said allies will be consulted about the high likelihood of military action against Iraq in the next few weeks unless Saddam allows full inspections soon.

If Clinton decides on military action, one of his tasks will be to persuade other leaders that it is based on Saddam Hussein's defiance of the United Nations and what hiding weapons could mean to international stability—and not motivated in any way to distract from the spreading scandal over allegations he had an

affair with a former White House intern.

Richard Butler, who heads the inspection commission, told the U.N. Security Council in a report Friday that Iraq's insistence on limiting access to suspected sites could prevent completion of the search for hidden Iraqi programs.

He said his talks with Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minister in Baghdad, did not sway the Iraqi government to open presidential and other sites for searches for chemical and biological weapons.

Iraq, Butler said, had engaged in a campaign of "abuse and denigration" of the commission.

Albright, at a news conference Friday, said of the impasse: "This is not something that can last much longer."

Clinton pushes plan to fight fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing billions of dollars lost to taxpayers each year, President Clinton unveiled a proposal to root out scam artists who defraud the Medicare system.

In his weekly radio address Saturday, Clinton outlined a multi-pronged plan to curb overcharging of everything from drugs to wheelchairs by medical suppliers.

"Medicare fraud is a real crime, committed by real criminals, intent on stealing from the system and cheating our most vulnerable citizens," the president said.

Clinton announced a series of steps, which he said would save Medicare more than \$2 billion

over five years. They include:

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The Space Shuttle Endeavour and the Russian Space Mir station sit docked in orbit Saturday in this image for television. Astronaut Andrew Thomas will replace astronaut David Wolf aboard the space station Mir and will stay for 4 and a half

Endeavour arrives to get homesick astronaut

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour slid up to Mir and docked Saturday, bringing a fresh American astronaut to relieve a homesick David Wolf.

Wolf gave a thumbs-up, and waved moments after the shuttle touched, then did a slow-motion somersault — the orbital equivalent of jumping up and down for joy.

"This whole event is touching me a little bit more than I had predicted," he confessed.

After four months aboard the Russian space station with two cosmonauts — both men — Wolf was pleased to see a female face. Impatient for the hatch to open, he peeked through a window at shuttle astronaut Bonnie Dunbar.

"These guys are OK, but you're an awful lot prettier," he told her.

When the hatches finally swung open, Wolf embraced his shuttle comrades, both male and female.

"You guys look great," he said.

"Thanks for coming to get me. Although I could have lived fine a lot longer ... there's a lot of fun and good business to be done on Earth."

"It's time to go back, I think."

Wolf, a 41-year-old doctor, chattered away in English and was clearly hungry for news. Even before Endeavour arrived, he was hurling out questions via the ship-to-ship radio line.

"How's the flight been so far?" he asked.

"The weather on launch, were there any questions? How did things go up until launch?"

Endeavour's crew was amused: "We're just discussing the fact that maybe Andy forgot his suitcase, and we might have to take him back," Dunbar teased, referring to Wolf's replacement, Andy Thomas.

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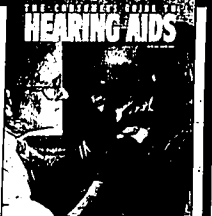
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NATION

First lady plays major role to parry allegations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hillary Rodham Clinton is doing more than just standing by her man to counter allegations, that President Clinton had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. She's making strategic decisions and operating in "battle mode," one friend says.

Associates and friends say she's coordinating responses, calling friends for advice and planning for public responses in at least two network television interviews. She also will make public appearances at several child care events.

"Hillary Clinton is a fighter," said Lisa Caputo, her former press spokeswoman. Caputo, who spoke with Mrs. Clinton since the allegations surfaced, described her as "resilient, engaged and focused."

Mrs. Clinton "believes all of this is part of an ongoing, continuous political attack that has been going on the past five or six years," Caputo added.

The first lady's role has increased as the circle of Clinton aides and advisors involved in damage control has shrunk.

Advisors said that at her initiative David Kendall, one of the president's private attorneys, was placed in charge of the legal team, a move that gave the high-profile lawyer Bob Bennett lesser clout. Bennett represents Clinton in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said the first lady is "extremely focused. She's been through a lot of this before. She's taking on White House strategy in responding to the crisis, just



Hillary Clinton

Running interference for husband

lending her advice and expertise.

Last week, the first lady will participate in several child care events and appear on two morning programs, the "Today" show and "Good Morning America."

One friend of Mrs. Clinton, who commented on condition she not be identified by name, said, "This is Hillary. It's how she steps up in difficult times. She reaches out, puts together a game plan. She's part of any strategic decision."

"What you're seeing is vintage Hillary Clinton. This is at the very core of her being—a fighter, being in battle mode."

Nancy Grutwald, the president's former media adviser, said, "The image of 'poor Hillary must be sitting down moping'—don't believe it for a minute."

"When other people are reeling, she's the one who stays focused, gets energized and gets the job done. That's how I've always seen her."

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has acknowledged to friends that he became emotionally close to former intern Monica Lewinsky while she was working at the White House but insisted to them that their relationship never became sexual, according to sources.

Clinton asserts that Lewinsky's claims on surreptitiously recorded tapes that they had a sexual relationship are either a fantasy or untruthful boasting, according to two people who have spoken directly with both Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and others who are close to Clinton's inner circle.

The president's assertion appears to be part of a cautiously emerging defense from a White House that has been paralyzed with indecision since the story of Lewinsky's allegations was first reported Wednesday. Apparently spurred by his wife, the president has brought back some veteran advisers, such as attorney Mickey Kantor and television producer Harry Thomsson, to help craft a damage-control strategy.

The two were among a group of friends who gathered at the White House Saturday night to watch a movie, "The Apostle," in what Clinton aides described as a morale-boosting session.

Other Clinton advisers—including Paul Begala, Rahm Emanuel and Ann Lewis on the White House staff, as well as political consultant James Carville—will fan out on talk shows Sunday to make a public appeal not to rush to judgment on Clinton.

But these advisers don't intend to present new facts about the allegations deemed to put Clinton in a better light. Clinton lawyers have warned that they do not yet have a clear enough understanding.



In this image taken from video, President Clinton (back to camera) hugs a young woman identified by CNN as Monica Lewinsky in Washington Nov. 6, 1996. Lewinsky offered Friday to reverse her official story and acknowledge to prosecutors that she had sexual relations with Clinton in exchange for immunity, according to a source.

ing of what the relationship between Clinton and Lewinsky was, and they are worried that any statements he or his advisers make publicly will later serve as grist for independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's investigation if their stories are not straight.

The brave face put on by these defenders is being undermined in some surprising quarters. Former White House Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta, in an interview with the San Jose Mercury-News, urged that Clinton make an immediate and forthright public explanation—the exact opposite of his current strategy.

"This thing has got to be resolved quickly," Panetta told the newspaper. "I'm one of those

who believe that when faced with this kind of issue, the president has to go to the people."

Clinton's private account of his relationship with Lewinsky may in time be the explanation he offers publicly, according to some of his advisers.

Clinton, according to these people, has acknowledged that having a friendship with Lewinsky,

now 24, looks odd, and in retrospect was unwise. But Clinton supposedly told friends the two became close in part because they shared stories about their turbulent family upbringings, the sources said. Lewinsky is the child of divorced parents, and Clinton grew up with an adoptive father who was an alcoholic and sometimes physically abusive.

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Democrats beg Clinton for answers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fearing the worst, Democratic activists and longtime allies of President Clinton are urging the embattled president to explain his relationship with Monica Lewinsky before his credibility crumbles.

With the White House warning that a full accounting won't come soon, Clinton's own former chief of staff, Leon Panetta, raised the specter of impeachment.

"This is not going to go away and be lost in the judicial system," Panetta told the San Jose Mercury News in California.

The former congressman appeared to distance himself from Clinton as he considers whether to run for Democratic nomination for California governor. If the president had an affair and covered it up, Panetta said, it would be better if (Vice President Al) Gore became president, and you had a new message and a new individual up there.

Dire talk from such a close ally is a clear signal that Clinton's political capital is quickly eroding. Polls show his favorability rating has dropped by as much as 10 points in recent days.

George Stephanopoulos, another former top White House aide, was the first to signal problems in Clinton's political base. In the first hours of the controversy, Stephanopoulos warned that if the accusations are true, "they're not only politically damaging, but it could lead to impeachment proceedings."

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Prosecutors put 'squeeze' on intern

WASHINGTON (AP) — First investigators took Monica Lewinsky to a hotel room and questioned her for hours. After she refused to cooperate, prosecutors told her she was a target of their investigation.

The tactics used by special counsel Kenneth Starr mimicked the high drama of prime time TV as he moved to win Ms. Lewinsky's help in his investigation of allegations linking her sexually with President Clinton. But the tactics actually are standard procedure for investigators trying to move a case to a higher level.

"It's kind of working your way up the food chain," said Chicago lawyer Howard Pearl, a former federal prosecutor.

What Starr wants, according to several former federal prosecutors who are not involved in the case, is a cooperative witness in his investigation. He's putting the squeeze on Ms. Lewinsky to get it.

"It would be explained to her that she is a target of the investigation and could be prosecuted, but here's a way out of it," said former federal prosecutor John Rowley.



Monica Lewinsky

This is precisely what her lawyer, William Ginsburg, said happened when the former White House intern was confronted by federal agents at a hotel in northern Virginia.

Ginsburg and Starr discussed a possible deal Friday in which Ms. Lewinsky would testify that she did have an affair with the president, a source familiar with the talks said. In return, she would not be prosecuted for perjury.

Ms. Lewinsky said in an earlier affidavit that she did not have an affair with Clinton. But in taped conversations with a friend, sources said she talked about the affair and disclosed that the president and his close friend, Vernon E. Jordan Jr., suggested she lie about it.

It is not clear whether Ms. Lewinsky would agree to testify about the alleged effort to get her to lie.

Talks between Starr and Ginsburg were expected to resume Saturday, the source said.

Ginsburg spent much of Friday giving interviews in which he criticized the way his client was treated.

In one appearance, he acknowledged that "squeezing, threatening" is part of a prosecutor's job. But in another, he said the efforts by investigators to pressure his client "should frighten anyone who is involved in the process here in America."

Starr responded that comments suggesting Ms. Lewinsky was mistreated "are wholly erroneous."

If Ms. Lewinsky had cooperated when initially confronted by prosecutors, Pearl said the next step probably would have been to have had her make a recorded call to Clinton or Jordan to get their statements on tape.

However, The Washington Post quoted a source close to Starr as saying there was no intention to have her tape Clinton or Jordan directly.

Now that the matter has become public, "her usefulness to them in that regard is gone,"

said Pearl, who prosecuted former national security adviser John Poindexter in the Iran-Contra affair.

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Policy

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tion, Washington is going to be in a policy vacuum," said a senior House Democratic aide.

For no one is the problem of trying to talk policy over the roar of scandal more acute than the president's. Clinton's attempt to get his message out to Congress and the country on Tuesday, when he delivers his State of the Union address.

Fellow Democrats fear that this, the president's golden opportunity to shape the terms of the year's legislative debate, will be squandered in the current political environment. One House aide cringed to imagine the scene after the speech, when members of Congress leave the House chamber to face banks of television cameras and crowds of reporters who will doubtless be more interested in their views of the sex allegations than the speech.

The current obsession with the allegations may wipe in the short term. The longer-term question is whether it will weaken Clinton or otherwise undermine his ability to press key elements of his legislative agenda, such as his proposal to expand access to Medicare to some people under the age of 65.

One senior White House aide said he was unconcerned.

The Republican Congress never was going to pass the stuff because they like Bill Clinton; they're going to pass the items on his agenda because it would be politically painful for them to not," the aide said. "Those fundamentals don't change."

Others are not so sanguine. A well-placed member of Clinton's citizens lobby fears the scandal will take the steam out of the proposed Medicare expansion. Likewise, it could diminish momentum for a long-term plan to reform Social Security that could be a key part of Clinton's State of the Union address.

"That agenda now is at risk," the lobbyist said. "This is going

to turn a lot on whether he can refocus public attention on his agenda on Tuesday."

On tobacco, prospects that Congress could enact a global settlement were already precarious. Republicans are divided among themselves, and there are deep partisan divisions about many key aspects of the legislation.

The scandal also casts a long shadow over crucial foreign and trade policy initiatives. Clinton was already facing a tough fight for approval of funding for the International Monetary Fund to help bail out ailing East Asian economies. The distraction of scandal does not make it any easier.

Republicans predict the scandal will make it even harder for Clinton to revive his bid for "fast track" trade negotiating authority, a campaign that faltered late last year when Clinton failed to muster enough support to pass it in the House. "This kills fast track," said a House GOP leadership aide. "Those kinds of votes

require you to trust your president. Now there is no reason to trust Clinton."

On Friday, Clinton exhorted members of his Cabinet to keep their noses to the grindstone. The White House held a detailed briefing on its plans to end fraud and waste in Medicare, the subject of Clinton's weekend radio address.

Republican leaders, who so far have remained studiously silent on the allegations against Clinton, plan to spend Monday in a full-day meeting about their legislative agenda.

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EDITORIAL

Provide data so patients can be careful consumers

How much do you know about your doctor?

Do you know where he went to medical school?

Do you know whether he's certified in his specialty?

Do you know whether he's ever lost a malpractice suit, been disciplined by a state licensing board, or been convicted of a crime?

You probably know more about the contractor who remodeled your basement than about the doctor who took out your gallstones. Patients choosing health-care providers tend to rely on word of mouth, referrals from other doctors and blind luck.

The Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry wants to change that. IACI, the state's biggest lobbying group for businesses, is proposing a "Patient Freedom of Information Act."

If the Idaho Legislature approves this bill, here are some of the things you could find out about physicians, dentists, chiropractors or other health-care professionals:

- Education.
- Criminal records.
- Disciplinary actions by state medical boards.

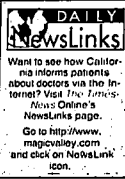
• Whether they participate in Medicare and Medicaid; and whether they've ever been barred from the program.

• Whether they carry malpractice insurance; and whether they've ever been turned down for it.

• Any malpractice judgments in the past 10 years.

Their ownership interest in medical labs or other health facilities to which they might refer you.

All this information (and more) would be available at doctors' offices. The state would also make it available on the Internet. Electronic access is important, because even though most



people don't use the Internet yet, the number is growing rapidly. The state should be looking ahead.

Several other states already have similar laws. California's went into effect this month, and it offers an Internet site with a lot of information.

Why is IACI, a business lobby, pushing this bill? Because employers' medical plans pay for the bulk of health care nowadays. They have an interest in seeing their employees become wiser, better-informed consumers.

IACI's bill appears to sidestep some potential problems that other

states have wrestled with. Two years ago, Massachusetts doctors fought against a proposal to disclose all complaints filed against physicians, because not all complaints are valid.

IACI's bill calls for disclosing only disciplinary cases in which the state has taken action. That's fair.

The IACI proposal also protects health professionals from being hurt by false information, because the docs themselves would be responsible for providing the data.

IACI's proposal won't go the full distance toward turning patients into savvy consumers. There's no way to guarantee that physicians will be completely truthful. And patients will have to decide for themselves how to interpret the raw information they receive.

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The chicks come home to roost, finally

How serious is it? It's serious enough to lower the decibel level in the White House. It's serious enough that George Stephanopoulos, looking more to his future as an ABC "analyst" than to his post as a top White House aide, was among the first to use the dreaded "impeachment" word. Even the staunchest Clinton defenders are saying that if charges of a cover-up and encouraging others to commit perjury are true, then Bill Clinton is a goner.

Since 1992, Clinton defenders have said that character doesn't count, and that a president can separate what he does in private from what he does in public. But you can't subdivide character.

The same moral (or, in this case, immoral) compass that guides in public matters must also guide in private ones, unless scientists can clone an alternate conscience.

The president's statements denying trysts with Monica Lewinsky do not ring true, not only because they are carefully crafted legalese but because they are devoid of the outrage one might expect of someone who has been so unfairly wronged.

Lewinsky was a 21-year-old fresh out of college when she landed a plum intern's job in the White House chief of staff's office, with regular access to the president of the United States. She then was hired for a paid position, also at the White House, and later got a job at the Pentagon, where she was known by the highest officials in the office of the Secretary of Defense. When she



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quits last month, her salary was \$32,736.

Would Lewinsky be a beneficiary of the pardon by lying about a sexual relationship with the president? Anyone falsely accused of such a thing after doing so many generous favors would have called her a liar, an opportunist, a gold-digger. Instead, the president is said by the increasingly uncomfortable Mike McCurry to have "compassion" for Lewinsky. After earlier disparaging remarks about Lewinsky's

confidante, Linda Tripp, by White House and Clinton lawyer Bob Bennett, the president apparently didn't want to commit further damage by a calm demeanor and compassionate feelings.

What ought to amaze is not the latest allegations but that the press has taken so long to label this president what he is: a lying scoundrel, who thinks he can manipulate anyone with his personal charm.

(In his deposition last Saturday, he reportedly admitted having an affair with Gennifer Flowers, which he had denied in a 1992 "60 Minutes" interview.) It took sex linked to possible perjury to wake up the press, which consistently has refused to point out his lies about policy issues.

The president is alleged to have told Lewinsky that oral sex is not prohibited in the Bible and therefore is not adultery. It's an interesting pickup line. But he'll have more difficult time wiggling out of perjury, if he committed it or instructed others to commit it.

I wonder how the president might interpret this Bible verse: "Be sure your sins will find you out." Put in layman's terms, this means the chicks have finally come home to roost.

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LETTERS

Police dog needs better care

I'm being held in the Twin Falls County Jail, and I'm writing on behalf of a police dog in training here. His trainer is Officer Beyers, who is a joller here.

I'm writing about an incident that occurred on Jan. 6. We were on our way back from the nurse call and going to go back to the rec room. We had a confrontation with the control officer on whether or not we should be allowed back in recreation. She called Officer Beyers, and he came to talk to us.

While we were talking, his dog tried to go into the rec room, and Beyers became very angry. He tried to pull the dog back by the tail while yelling at the dog. When this attempt failed, he pulled a thick leather strap out and began whipping the dog. When I told him it was cruel and against the law to treat the dog that way, he sarcastically told me to go ahead and turn him in (as though he was the law and couldn't be punished).

I don't think it is right for even an officer to treat a dog this way. Just by observing the dog around Beyers and other people, you can tell this happens often because the dog covers away from everyone. I don't know; this is police procedure, but if it is, it needs to be stopped!

Taxpayers pay for the vet bills and food for this dog and also pay his train-

er to do his job correctly. I don't think any taxpayer wants to pay for this dog to be abused. If an inmate even acted like they were going to hit that dog, charges would be filed. Who is going to file them, Beyers?

This treatment probably affects the way the dog will perform in the future, and it's also against the law. I know I don't want to pay for a cop to abuse what my tax dollars pay for. Do you?

I'm only one inmate in county jail, but someone with authority and numbers could put a stop to this. Animal cruelty is wrong, even for a police officer. And if I'm not mistaken, police officers are supposed to set an example for others. What kind of example is Officer Beyers setting?

TRAVIS JOHNSON
Twin Falls

Bravo to Kempton's property bill

Every property owner in the state should cheer state Rep. Jim Kempton for reintroducing his private property rights bill. This bill would not mire local governments in costly court proceedings as Lorna Jurgensen suggests; it would only make them more responsive to taxpayers' concerns about effects of city and county projects on their property. In due time, local governments would have to do the job they were appointed and elected for; judiciously plan ahead, needed projects

and acquire rights of way; among others.

I can't think of a more politically correct bill to vote for, nor for a more politically incorrect bill to not vote for, or to be conveniently absent when voting takes place. After all, where are the votes? Strike a blow for the little folks. We'll be watching how our local representatives react to this legislation. — Mr. Subbs? Mr. Black?

LYNN MESSMAN
Twin Falls

Inmates should clean roadsides

Re: Inmate cleanup program, Jan. 8, Times-News.

There is roadside litter everywhere, and the citizens of Twin Falls County need an active program to take care of it. Jerome County has a roadside cleanup. Its program saves the taxpayers money and provides offenders an honorable alternative to jail time, so says Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver.

Even though Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey has a work-detail program in place, we are told there are reasons it cannot be utilized. One reason given is Sheriff Tousey and our magistrate judges have procedural issues that need to be settled. Another reason for lack of program utilization is the judges' hesitancy to sentence offenders to this detail.

Hopefully, these officials can reach a solution and get our roadways cleaned up.

SONDRA HILL
Filer

Commission won't give protection

For all of my adult life in southern Idaho, I have been concerned with the protection of the environment and, particularly, of the aquifer. In the Hagerman Valley where I grew up, we were always proud of the quality of the water in Thousand Springs—it has the reputation of being some of the purest water anywhere. It is also the indicator of the condition of our aquifer.

Recently, The Times-News published an article questioning whether testing of the water might not show the beginnings of contamination in Thousand Springs. The possibility that contamination may have begun is too terrifying to think of.

The reason I am writing is to question the wisdom of our county commissioners who have recently seen fit not to reappoint one of the strongest and sanest members of the county planning and zoning commission, the person with the most seniority, Kacey O'Connor. We now have the commission chaired by a contractor/developer, vice chaired by a Realtor/developer, and the current most senior member is the owner of a very large dairy. What kind

of protection are these people going to give us against the serious overdevelopment of rural property and the proliferation of corporate farms in our area?

Voters, when you go to the polls next, remember that when our drinking water is gone, we have nothing left. Vote for people who will give priority to protecting our aquifer. In the meantime, call the county commissioners and ask them why they have sold us out to the special interests. The telephone number is 736-0065.

MARGARET BOYER ASPARTITE
Twin Falls

Maughan made a good choice

This letter is in response to an article that I read here online a few days ago. The article pertained to Dennis Maughan changing parties from Democrat to Republican. I have been a good friend of Mr. Maughan for a few years; I even rented a room for him for a while.

The reason for this letter is to congratulate him. This was a move that took a lot of guts and leadership. Everybody wants a commissioner with leadership, right? I feel that this was a step in the right direction for Dennis, and it will benefit the community greatly.

Thank you and good luck to the Maughan family.
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OPINION

Mikhail Gorbachev deserves credit for erasing budget deficits

Fiscal 1997 (ending last September), the federal budget deficit was \$22 billion, down from \$290 billion in fiscal 1992. President Clinton plans to submit a balanced budget for 1999. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) says the budget is already almost balanced. In coming weeks, Clinton and congressional Republicans will compete for who should get the most credit for erasing budget deficits. At present, the contest is a virtual draw. In a recent CNN/USA Today poll, 42 percent of Americans selected Clinton and 39 percent chose the Republicans. Who really deserves credit? Well, the answer is: Mikhail Gorbachev.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

We are now enjoying a "peace dividend" from the end of the Cold War, which—mild war, which—Clinton or Gingrich—subdued budget deficits. In fiscal 1998, defense spending will total about \$266 billion, or roughly 3 percent of national income (gross domestic product). A decade ago, it was 6 percent of GDP. The difference amounts to an additional \$260 billion. Without these savings, massive deficits would endure.

It helps to understand how the budget surpluses arrived (assuming the forecasts come true) before deciding what to do with them. But defense hardly enters this essential discussion. In part, the Cold War is underdone. A booming economy provided the last shove toward budget balance in the form of an unexpected surge in tax revenues. For fiscal 1998, they were \$72 billion higher than the forecast by the CBO only a year ago.

The main reason, though, that defense cuts are ignored, that they're politically inconvenient. They suggest (a) that much of the heroic rhetoric from Clinton and the Republicans about balancing the budget is overblown, (b) that the common notion that "big government" is on the wane is false (just the opposite: aside from defense, government is expanding) and (c) that defense cuts may have gone too far.

Those cuts are clear. Since 1990, the number of Army divisions has dropped from 18 to 10; the Navy's

combat fleet has shrunk from 546 ships to 357; the number of active Air Force tactical fighter wings (72 planes each, without spares) has gone from 24 to 13. Outside of defense, big cuts are harder to find. Political scientist Allen Schick of the Brookings Institution knows of no major programs that were eliminated in the 1990s. The only big program Clinton has ended, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides two firm subsidies for wool, honey and molasses and water-conservation grants in the Interior Department.

Federal spending comprises four major categories: defense; domestic discretionary (a catchall stretching from the FBI to NASA to health); entitlements programs for which people automatically qualify, from Social Security to Medicare to food stamps; and interest on the federal debt. Aside from defense, none has declined in the past decade as a share of GDP or in inflation-adjusted dollars. Between 1988 and 1998, entitlement spending went from 10.2 percent of GDP to an estimated 11.3 percent. In the same period, domestic discretionary spending has risen from 3.2 to 3.4 percent of GDP.

Because the economy grows faster than prices, these changes signify increases in inflation-adjusted ("real") dollars. Since 1988, "real" spending on domestic discretionary programs has risen about 25 percent. In the 1980s, the Reagan administration did trim some agencies. But since then, most agencies have survived and even flourished in an era of alleged austerity.

Consider the Small Business Administration. Once considered a prime candidate for elimination, it has prospered. It switched its emphasis from direct loans to government-guaranteed loans (a bank typically makes the loan, but gov-

ernment covers most of the cost of any default). Between 1983 and 1996, these ballooned from \$8.5 billion to \$24.6 billion. Susan Tanaka of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget rightly worries that in a recession both defaults and federal outlays would soar.

All this underlines that the balanced budget stems mainly from the peace dividend—and good economic luck. Efforts to anticipate the retirement of the baby boomers by trimming entitlement spending were ignored. It's true that the budget agreements of 1990 and 1993 did raise taxes on "high-income taxpayers," but as noted, the strong economy resulted in revenue gains that vastly exceeded forecasts.

Just because cutting defense is the path of least resistance does not mean it's wise. But what do we need? Writing in The New Republic, strategist Eliot Cohen of Johns Hopkins University "there is no substitute for a bigger budget." He doesn't argue for higher force levels but for more investment in new technologies and tactics "to maintain a comfortable lead over China 20 years hence" and to combat new forms of terrorism.

A sensible debate would expand important programs and end outdated ones. With any remaining funds, we'd decide how much to cut taxes or reduce debt. Such a refined debate seems unlikely. Programs endure; beneficiaries enjoy unstated property rights in their payments and tax breaks. Congress and the president tinker and wait to be moved by big events, for good or ill.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Washington Post columnist.

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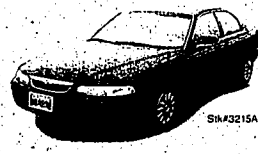
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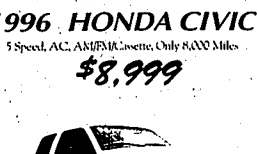
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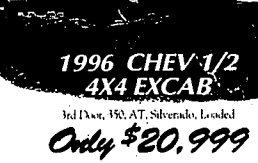


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LETTER

Martin Luther King Jr. deserves nation's respect

I am so mad at someone. I won't name names.

But I was in my English class when we were watching Channel 1 news. They started to talk about Martin Luther King Jr. When they started to make fun of him in a bad way, I said you should have some respect for having such a courageous man lead a nation not long ago. They called me a "nigger lover" and said that I should go back to the South where I belong. I went home crying on Friday. That crushed me. I don't want

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SPORTS

Utah runs past Rebels Utes' women stay unbeaten

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Utah didn't need to wait until the end of the game to ensure its best start in school history. By the time the first half was over, so were UNLV's chances of upsetting the favored Utes.

Utah blew open the game in the first half Saturday, beating UNLV 67-54 to remain unbeaten in 17 games and break a school record for most wins to open the season that was set in 1913.

"I'm excited," center Michael Dulane said. "I don't know if we're excited about being the best team in school history."

"We're excited about just playing to the best of our ability as a team."

Dulane and Hanno Mottola each scored 12 points in the first half and UNLV's defense shut down UNLV in the first half in a game that was essentially over with Utah holding a 40-20 half-time lead.

(17-0, 5-0 Western Athletic Conference) held UNLV to 32 percent shooting in the first half, while the Rebels had only two assists and seldom got a good look at the basket.

"We can't play much better than we played today," Dolane said.

"I thought the kids played great defense," Utah coach Rick Majerus said. "As much as I'm excited about our win, I'm excited about the effort. I thought the selfishness in sharing the ball was important too."

No. 1 Duke 72, Virginia 65
CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — Trujillo Langdon scored eight of his 15 points over the final 354 and top-ranked Duke survived a rare scare in his season of runaway victories.

The Blue Devils (18-1, 6-1 ACC) made 20 of their 24 shots to break a 58-28 halftime lead and went on to reach the 20-win mark for the 28th straight season.

No. 3 Kansas 88, Texas Tech 49
LAWRENCE, Kan. — Raf LaFrentz returned from a nine-game absence to score 31 points and grab 15 rebounds as the Jayhawks set a school record with their 55th straight victory in Allen Field House.

Kansas (22-3, 5-1 Big 12), which led 44-14 at halftime, gave Texas Tech (8-4, 2-4) its worst loss since a 42-point defeat to Baylor in 1987.

No. 5 Stanford 74, Washington 72
SEATTLE — Kris Weems hit a 3-pointer as time expired to give No. 5 Stanford a victory over Washington, extending the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games.

Arthur Lee scored 17 points for Stanford (18-0, 7-0 Pac-10), while Weems and Tim Young each had 14 points. Young also grabbed 12 rebounds.

No. 7 Kentucky 85, Tennessee 67
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Padgett scored 20 points before being ejected, and Jeff Sheppard and Wayne Turner each added 17 as Kentucky defeated Tennessee.

The Wildcats (18-2, 7-0 SEC) had struggled in wins their last two games by a total of six points. But there were no such problems against a team missing two starters for the season due to injury.

Men's basketball

No. 8 Connecticut 63, No. 15 Syracuse 54

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Richard Hamilton scored 24 points and the Huskies (17-3, 7-2 Big East) won despite missing two key players.

Toward-forward Kevin Eganman was out after breaking a bone in his right wrist Monday night in a two-point loss at St. John's, and backup forward Antre Klueber was suspended Wednesday after being arrested for drunk driving.

Missouri 80, No. 10 Iowa 79, OT

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Kelly Thomas missed two free throws in the last 16 seconds left in overtime as Missouri, down 14 points early in the second half, beat its fourth ranked opponent in a month.

Missouri (11-7) rallied from a 46-32 deficit with 16:43 to hand Iowa its first loss in 15 games when leading at halftime.

No. 12 Purdue 80, Northwestern 45

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Brad Miller scored 20 points to lead Purdue over Northwestern.

Purdue (17-4, 5-2 Big Ten) opened the second half with an 8-0 run, but a 44-24 lead. The Boilermakers' pressure defense sparked the spurt and forced 25 Northwestern turnovers.

No. 13 Mississippi 81, Mississippi 37, 2OT

OXFORD, Miss. — Ansu Sesay scored 33 points, including the last four of the second overtime, as the Rebels extended their home winning streak to a school-record 16 games.

Sesay's 18-footer with 31 seconds left broke the final tie, and then he added two free throws with 1.3 seconds left after rebounding a missed shot.

No. 14 South Carolina 61, Auburn 56

AUBURN, Ala. — South Carolina kept Auburn scoreless over a decisive six-minute stretch and Lebron Williams can off the bench to lead the Gamecocks with 14 points.

South Carolina (13-3, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) overcame awful offense of its own — hitting just one field goal over the final 13 minutes — to win for its first win at Auburn since joining the SEC in 1991-92.

No. 17 New Mexico 76, Texas-El Paso 69

EL PASO, Texas — Kenny Thomas scored five of his 21 points during a 12-2 run late in the second half.

helping No. 17 New Mexico hold off Texas-El Paso.

Clayton Shield led the Lobos with 24 points, which included five 3-pointers.

No. 18 Arkansas 77, Alabama 70

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — With two guards on the bench for missing curfew and leading scorer Pat Bradley scored 16 points and Sunday Adebayo added 12 to lead the Razorbacks.

Bradley missed his first eight shots and finished with two points.

Dayton 93, No. 19 Xavier 82

DAYTON, Ohio — Ryan Perryman had 20 points and 16 rebounds and Chub Turner hit two clutch jumpers in a closing 16-4 run for the Flyers.

Dayton (19-6, 5-2 Atlantic-10) matched its win total for last season and improved to 22-5 at home against the Musketeers (12-5, 4-3).

No. 23 West Virginia 81, Providence 63

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Marcus Gorie scored a career-high 19 points and added eight rebounds for the Mountaineers.

Junior Wes hit one of his three 3-pointers to give the Mountaineers (17-3, 7-3 Big East) the lead for good at 43-41 just 2:48 into the second half, sparking a 20-4 run.

Tulsa 64, No. 24 Hawaii 63

TULSA, Okla. — Eric Coley returned from a four-game absence caused by his mother's death and scored 12 points as Tulsa held off Hawaii.

Tulsa (11-6, 5-2 WAC) handed Hawaii (13-4, 2-3) its second loss in a week.

Maryland 74, No. 25 Clemson 69

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Sarunas Jasikevicius scored 10 points in a three-minute stretch to rally the Terrapins to their fourth win over a ranked team this season.

Jasikevicius finished with 20 points, 17 in the second half.

Regional game
Utah 57, Idaho 66

LOGAN, Utah — Pharoah Davis hit two foul shots with 7.3 seconds remaining to seal a 68-66 Utah State victory over Idaho Saturday night.

Davis had averaged just 52 percent at the foul line this season, gave the Aggies (15-4 overall, 5-0 Big West Conference) a four-point lead.

Idaho's Cameron Banks answered with a layup with 2.1 seconds left, but it was too little, too late. The Aggies ran out the clock.

Kevin Rice and Marcus Saxon led USU with 19 points each. Rice led the Aggies in rebounding with 11. Saxon hit a pair of 3-pointers.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Julie Krommenhoek scored 23 points, including three straight 3-pointers, to lead 14th-ranked Utah to a 75-49 rout of Nevada-Las Vegas Saturday.

The win marked the Utes' 38th win in their last 39 home games, and extended their best start in school history.

Angalete Dye scored the first points of the second-half for the Rebels (2-16 overall, 1-6 Western Athletic Conference) to narrow the Utes (16-0, 7-0) lead to 35-26.

However, Utah ran off the next six points on two layups by Angie Thill and Ali Biller jumper.

Midway through the second half, Utah led 54-37 before Krommenhoek's long-range barrage over a two-minute span. She hit a trio of treys and Tina Fuertes added another 3-pointer with 5:52 to play to give Utah a 66-39 lead, its largest.

Krommenhoek finished 9-of-14 from the floor, including 5-of-8 from behind the 3-point line.

Thill had 13 points for Utah and Bills added 11 points, eight assists, seven rebounds and four steals.

Toby Girard, Teneisha Gossett and Liz Wolfe scored nine points each for the Rebels, who lost for the sixth time in seven games.

UNLV surprised Utah early, leading much of the first half. The Rebels' last lead was at 22 on Amy Wunderlich's jumper.

But Utah scored the final 11 points of the half, taking a 35-24 lead on Krommenhoek's steal and layup just before the horn.

No. 5 Texas Tech 72, Kansas 56

LUBBOCK, Texas — Julie Lake scored 17 points and Rene Hanebutt added 15 as No. 5 Texas Tech survived a second-half swoon.

Women's basketball

Hanebutt was perfect on her four 3-point tries for Tech (13-3, 6-1 Big 12), which led by as many as 24 before the Jayhawks (12-4, 4-3) awakened after halftime.

After going into the break down 38-18, Kansas mounted an 18-6 run that closed the gap to 44-36. Suzi Raymont led scorers in the first half, scored seven points in 40 seconds during the surge.

Tech allowed Kansas to stay close by missing 9 of 18 free throw attempts down the stretch. But the Lady Raiders scored the last six points.

Raymont led Kansas with 14 points. Tech's Alicia Thomas also scored 14 and had 12 rebounds.

LSU 67, No. 10 Florida 57

BATON ROUGE, La. — Katrina Hibbert scored 17 points as LSU beat No. 10 Florida — the Tigers first win over the Gators since 1991.

Lausha Dorsey had 15 points for LSU. Ashley Hunkeler added 12 and Angela Cieslak had 11. Hibbert added a career-high eight steals, while Cieslak had four blocked shots for the second straight game.

No. 18 Georgia 65, Mississippi 58

OXFORD, Miss. — Kelly Miller

scored 22 points, including seven in a decisive early run, as No. 18 Georgia overcame an early deficit to beat Mississippi.

After Ole Miss scored the first five points of the game, Georgia (13-5, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) responded with a 17-2 run and led the rest of the way while winning its third straight game.

Tasha Bethley had a career-high 32 points for Ole Miss.

No. 22 Florida Int. 72, Campbell 52

MIAMI — Dalma Ivanyi had 24 points and 11 assists to lead No. 22 Florida International to a victory over Campbell in a Trans America Athletic Conference game.

Campbell (12-5, 5-2) defeated Florida International (16-1, 6-1) by two points earlier in the year.

Daniel Carroll added 14 points, including four 3-pointers, and Gergana Branzova had 14 points.

No. 25 SF Austin 76, SE Louisiana 69

HAMMOND, La. — Katrina Price scored 23 points and Christie Smith had 11 rebounds as No. 25 Stephen F. Austin held off Southeastern Louisiana in a Southland Conference game.

Stephen F. Austin (15-2, 7-0) used a 4-26 rebounding, edge-and-foul shooting accuracy in the final moments.

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Just a little touch of star quality

A Boise newspaper columnist once speculated in print about the nature of boredom. "Sort of like Twin Falls," he wrote.

Really? Well, have his people call our people. Maybe we can get Boise mentioned in the new Bruce Willis movie that's about to start shooting here.

Yep, in Twin Falls, Idaho. City of paved streets.

"Breakfast of Champions," starring Halle's most famous saloon keeper, goes before the cameras Feb. 28, and we're all just daddio pink.

Say it with me one time: *Cannes-Cannes-Cannes!*

Now ... when was the last time Hollywood went to Boise?

Could it have been Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn in "Pat and Mickey"? Perhaps Dustin Hoffman in "Tenderloins"? Maybe, River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves in "My Own Private Idaho"?

Or could it be that Twin Falls, the Proud Heart of Pretty Good, possesses some star quality that Boise lacks?



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Cump

Bruce evidently thinks so. So does Alan Rudolph, the movie's director. Kurt Vonnegut, who wrote the book on which the movie will be based, has not said.

But I can't believe he won't be thrilled. Vonnegut, after all, grew up in Indiana, so knows all about the discreet charm of the unpretentious.

Truth be told, that's probably why we landed the movie's first place. Both Rudolph and the film's producers point out that Twin Falls looks a lot like the rest of America, which is a diplomatic way of saying that it doesn't look at all like Hollywood.

What's more, Twin Falls provides great site lines for a moviemaker, what with Shoshone Falls and only four trees.

How's Boise gonna compete with all that? The only thing mediagenic about our city is Dirk Kempthorne, and he left town.

So let's welcome Kilgore Trout, the fictional hero of "Breakfast of Champions." We'll put on chicken.

But you probably oughta know that Kilgore, a recurring character in Vonnegut's books, is a little hard to get to know.

In "Breakfast," he's a lowly science-fiction writer living in a basement apartment in New York City who receives an invitation to an arts festival in Midland City (that's not the home of a real rich car dealer, named Dwayne Hoover).

Dwayne has some issues, but he really likes Kilgore's stories, one of which convinces Dwayne that he's the only person in the universe who's not a robot.

You just can't buy publicity like that. Kilgore gets real.

So, probably, will we.

Stretch lines in the drive-thru at the Arctic Circle. DB always out of Ray-Bans, wearing long walking sticks, the corner booth at the Buffalo Cafe - fame has its price.

But also its compensations: Maybe we can get a cameo from Cole's spot as an extra on "Die Hard IV."

If you're like most working stiffs, it's annual review time on the job. Through the magic of the Internet, here are some actual quotes from employee performance evaluations:

"He's so dense, light bends around him."

"One neuron shy of a synapse."

"Wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."

"I would not allow this employee to breed."

"Fell out of the family tree."

"Bright as Alaska in December."

"If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you get change back."

"This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better."

"When he opens his mouth, it seems that this is only to change whichever foot was previously in there."

"This young lady has delusions of adequacy."

"During evolution, his ancestors were in the control group."

"A room temperature IQ."

"Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."

"If brains were taxed, he'd get a rebate."

"Since my last report, he has reached rock bottom and has started to dig."

"Works well when under constant supervision and corner like a rat in a trap."

"His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of morbid curiosity."

"It's hard to believe that he beat 100,000 other sperm."

Times-News features editor Steve Cump advises you not to spend that raise just yet.

Sweetheart of the rodeo

Kimberly Dawn Williams is more than a rodeo queen

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Dawn Williams was crowned Miss Rodeo USA in Oklahoma City, but she has been a winner all her life.

Born almost deaf, Williams had to work harder than others when she was growing up. There were some low moments - "when I felt I couldn't compete in the hearing world" - but she never stopped trying.

The low moments always gave way to something better and, after she set her mind to being a rodeo queen, she has ridden away with five local titles, five state titles and this month the Big One: Miss Rodeo USA.

She's at the top of the rodeo world, about to embark on a year of jet travel as roving ambassador for the International Professional Rodeo Association. She certainly looks the part - right down to the big belt buckle, fringed Western shirt and tiarabecked cowboy hat.

Though she wears them, the trappings of a rodeo queen do not define Kimberly Williams. Deep inside, she's a girl with a wholesomeness and humility.

"Life isn't always about playing a good hand," she said Saturday. "It's about playing a bad hand well."

Williams doesn't use her hearing impediment as an excuse; unless they



Newly crowned Miss Rodeo USA Kimberly Dawn Williams has a way of charming horses and people alike. The Williamses' colt 'Split' nuzzles with the queen.

already know, most folks have no idea she's virtually deaf. Without calling attention to her disability, she competes with high-tech hearing aides, lip reading and the old-fashioned courtesy

of paying attention to people when they speak.

She's not bored, like so many of her generation, nor is she boring.

Now a 22-year-old senior at Utah

State University, Williams spent much of her childhood shuttling between her parents' home in Twin Falls and the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. Please see RODEO, Page C3

Miners weary of rules

Some Oakley quarry miners resent regulations

By Kurt Friedmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The quarries that produce the colorful rock slabs known as Oakley stone are also yielding a classic clash between public policy and private rights.

Jim Burch's Oakley Valley Stone Inc. mines three quarries south of Burley. One of them is "as far up in the sky as you can see and as deep into the ground as you can dig."

In Burch's eyes, that ownership means the state shouldn't be able to make him buy a bond to guarantee reclamation. It shouldn't be able to regulate how he uses the land whatsoever.

"I think the state is out of line," he said. "You should be able to do in your backyard whatever you want to do."

Government regulation of mining is a serious point of contention between the Oakley miners and the state and federal



Mike Mullard gazes over the sea of Oakley stone mined by his father's company. Some stone miners in Oakley are not pleased with governmental regulations.

agencies charged with regulating them.

Those making a living from Oakley stone say the burden of regulation is oppressive and unnecessary. Agency officials say reclamation - the process of filling in mine roads and pits to restore them to their natural state - is a must.

Regulation, they say, is to protect the public and its environment, they say.

That explanation doesn't cut it for Burch.

"I think it's a violation of the Constitution," he said. "Private property rights are human rights."

Reclamation is hotly contested where

ever surface mines exist. The process is most visible in the East, where the land itself is more scarce, and giant coal companies mine the Appalachian region with a kind of strip mining called "mountaintop removal." The term is self-explanatory.

Federal and state agencies require a mining company to post bonds on the land it mines, to ensure the reclamation work gets done no matter what happens to the company itself.

The reason his close to home last week with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing of Pegasus Gold Inc. The company's \$4 million bond with the U.S.

Minidoka celebrates 85th year, museum offers memories

County boasts hearty history, artifacts from yesteryear

By Penelope Reedly
Times-News writer

RUPERT - This week, Wednesday to be exact, is Minidoka County's 85th birthday.

The county was formed out of a larger county in 1913 when the county seat shifted to Rupert from Shoshone, now the seat of Lincoln County.

To find out what life was like in southern Idaho in the early years of the 20th century, a visit to the Minidoka County Historical Society Museum yields a plethora of donated photos and goods.

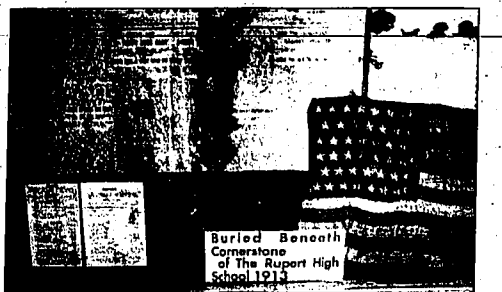
You wouldn't believe what's in some of these buildings," history buff Ralph Hill said.

The Rupert City Depot and the former Rupert jail have been moved to a storage area on the back lot of the museum and can be toured upon request.

Railroad cars and a small wooden telephone booth from Acquia - with the phone still in it - also grace the property.



Right, there are some of the items removed from a copper-box time capsule buried under the cornerstone at Rupert High School in 1913, the year Minidoka County was founded. The box was opened in 1987. Left, Ralph Hill, who has donated much of his time to the county museum, shows hinges handmade in 1906 from the first Rupert jail, which is made of stacked 2-by-6 boards similar to older-style granaries in the area.



Buried Beneath
Cornerstone
of The Rupert High
School 1913

gathering objects.

"Some of the things, like the older farm equipment, were rebuilt as Eagle Scout projects," he said.

An entire Masonic Lodge from Heyburn, with pillars supposedly

resembling those of the biblical King Solomon's temple, has been preserved in one of the rooms in the depot.

A soda fountain from 1926 is set up in the museum proper. The counter is

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Jerome teachers raise money to bury student

The Times-News

JEROME — Teachers at a Jerome elementary school are raising money to bury a little girl in Mexico, where her grandparents and extended relatives are.

fourth-grader Maria Hernandez, daughter of Ernesto and Maria Hernandez, died Jan. 22 at her home of cancer, a news release said. The girl came to Jerome in 1993 and had attended first grade since kindergarten; her brother, Ernesto, is in third grade.

Donations to help the family with expenses can be sent to Principal Ann Reynolds at Horizon Elementary, 934 10th Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83338. Or they can be given to the Maria Hernandez Fund at any US Bank branch in Magic Valley.

Hindu sues Taco Bell over unwanted beef burrito

Los Angeles Times

VENTURA, Calif. — A devout Hindu is suing a Taco Bell for serving him a beef burrito, rather than the bean burrito he ordered.

devastating experience," said Rai, reached at his home Friday. "So much so that I had to go to a psychiatrist. I went to a doctor. I couldn't sleep."

Indeed, Rai said he has already had to travel to England to perform a religious purification ceremony with Hindu masters.

And in March he will travel to India for the ultimate purification: bathing in the waters of the Ganges River.

Taco Bell officials would not

comment on the suit filed in Ventura County Superior Court.

According to the complaint, Rai ordered a bean burrito from the Taco Bell in Ventura last April.

"He clearly repeated the order twice so he would be ensured of not receiving a burrito with meat," the suit states.

"When he received his order he took a bite, and after chewing it he realized to his horror that it was a meat burrito," the complaint continued.

Jerome man unwittingly delivers drugs to detectives, sheriff says

The Times-News

JEROME — A Jerome man picked the wrong time Friday to telephone a drug-dealing colt, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

offered to bring some drugs over to the house, and the detective accepted, Weaver said.

Larson showed up minutes later, and officers recovered from him methamphetamine, a 45-caliber automatic handgun and a 9-mm automatic one, Weaver said.

A total of 11 grams of methamphetamine and three grams of marijuana was recovered from a warrant for drugs at about 7:30 p.m., Weaver said.

Detectives also found \$1,500 cash, five handguns — including Larson's weapons — two shotguns and two rifles, Weaver said.

Larson was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine

mines with intent to deliver, possession of methamphetamine, with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and frequenting an area of known narcotics distribution, Weaver said.

Joe Valdez, 19, Trenton Rue, 18, and Jodie West, 18, all of Jerome, were cited with possession of marijuana and frequenting an area of known narcotics distribution before being released, Weaver said.

Republican governor, heir apparent Kempthorne begin unofficial transition

BOISE (AP) — It was a transition weekend for Idaho Republicans who heard retiring Gov. Phil Batt say he is leaving them in good hands and U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne explain why he wants to succeed Batt next year.

"My candidate for governor was Phil Batt, and I say that from the heart," Kempthorne told the state GOP Central Committee on Saturday before introducing Batt.

"He's done a tremendous job."

But when Batt, whose unsuccessful campaign for governor he

managed in 1982, decided last September against seeking a second term, Kempthorne said he saw the opportunity to put into practice what he has been working to achieve in the Senate for five years.

"In Congress, we have started something that is irreversible," he said. "The power and the authority is being returned to the states."

No Democrat has stepped forward yet to run against Kempthorne, and he faces only

token primary opposition from within his own party. But the former Boise mayor said he was convinced he should become a candidate for governor until one evening with his wife, Pat, in the Capitol Rotunda.

"I was sensing all that history, sensing all that it means. But I realized that I would not be content to merely be a historian," he said. "I decided I wanted to come home to Idaho and to join fellow Idahoans and write new history in the state of Idaho."

Rodeo

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in Gooding. Her parents, Dave and Kathy Williams, have normal hearing — but Kim and her younger brother, Kevin, were born with a gene that made their hearing almost nothing.

"I sensed that something was wrong when she was young," said her mother, Kathy Williams.

"She was 4 years old when we found out. She had no language. She just babbled."

Kimberly Williams attended ISDB from first through 11th grade. By the time she was a senior she transferred to Gooding High School, where she was a cheerleader.

During her years in Gooding, she lived with Don and Denise Gill.

"They did it out of the goodness of their hearts," Kathy Williams said. "And Kim became a normal teenager in their house."

In addition to providing a roof, the Gills provided rodeo. Denise Gill is a former state director of Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho; while Don Gill is an adviser for the Gooding High School Rodeo Club.

Somewhere around age 9, Kimberly Williams got interested in being a rodeo queen. She'd been riding since she was 4, so she was comfortable in the saddle.

Between 9 and 14, she won most of the contests she entered.

"I was so focused," she said, "but I sacrificed my social life."

In the larger contest of life, she was making equally spectacular progress. Though she and her mother have nothing but praise for local speech therapists, there came a time when Kimberly Williams simply decided to find her own answers.

"I just got tired of speech therapists sticking their fingers in my mouth," she said.

"She continued to win rodeo queen contests and, just full, decided to enter the Miss Rodeo USA contest. She drove home from Logan, Utah, on weekends and trained."

The contest ran Jan. 9-17, and Williams felt any of the 22 other contestants could have won. In the end, the crown wound up on her head.

Time-News staff writer Kimberly "Black" can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 264.

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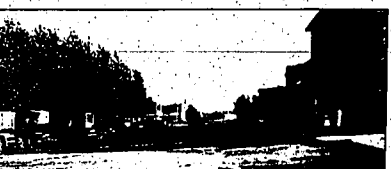
Roy, Aileen, Sam, Larry, Joetta, Garvin & Cole Abo, Dione & Susie, Takko & Concha Shigihara

Birthday

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marble, and its original syrups and supplies are preserved.

Most days from 1 to 5 p.m., Ruth DeThommas are available at the museum to talk about the good old days in Minidoka County.



A view of Rupert City Square on the west side facing south, photographed in August 1934.

Mine

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into to show up on the mountain," he said. "That does affect all your neighbors."

Wilson said he is simply protecting the mine's neighbors, whether animal or mineral.

Mine operations "may have repercussions outside the area," he said.

"That's why we do what we do."

Working with smaller operations such as the Oakley stone miners can be a challenge even

that most who run the quarries aren't mine engineers. They don't have the expertise to put together detailed reclamation plans.

"I think the state of Idaho has been a little over-aggressive," Franklin said. "There are not many miners cutting a big fat hog on this deal."

And pointing to Black Pine Mine and its success in reclaiming much of the mountain it has mined is not at all fair for Oakley's small-scale rock miners, he said.

"The two types of mines are almost totally unrelated," he said. "Black Pine is 20 times bigger than any quarryite deal you've ever seen. They're in a different league — it's absurd."

Franklin contends that the branding process most small quarry miners are asked to undergo is absolutely arbitrary.

"The size of the bond that miners must post is based on the agency's good graces, Franklin said.

"The miners are thinking, 'On what basis did he get that?'" he said.

Struthers said his decisions are based on 30 years of experience

in the forest.

"I use a Region 4 engineering guide to estimate for road construction," he said. "But there are times when I will accept some operators' figures, then we argue those points out until we can live with it."

Cooperation seems to be the route to successful relationships with between the regulators and regulated.

Lon Thomas, owner of American Stone in Salt Lake City, said he has been mining a claim in Oakley since 1955 and has always been forced to wade through the bureaucracy.

"The Forest Service has put forth a lot of effort to put their point across," he said. "But there are several of us making a living out there."

The agencies involved are not out to stop mining, Wilson said. But miners need to cooperate for the safety and peace of mind of everyone involved.

"We're not here to say you can't mine," he said. "There are reasons for the law."

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Child support cases

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Chris Goble, Seeking dissolution of paternity, \$12 monthly support, provide medical insurance, \$27 attorney's fees and costs.
State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. John H. Roberts, Seeking dissolution of paternity, \$12 monthly support, provide medical insurance, \$27 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces

Martha Carrillo vs. Jon Carrillo
Nelson R. Gaymon vs. Trisha L. Gaymon

Juvenile arraignments

Hane Allen Slaus, 11, 614 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, Count 1, burglary, Count 2, resisting obstructing and interfering, 3, use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, and marijuana, pretrial hearing Feb. 3, in custody in juvenile detention center.
Lara S. Canepa, 17, 485 Four Mile Road, Shoshone, Count 1, petty theft (shoplifting), Count 2, battery, pretrial hearing Feb. 10, released to parents on agreement in lieu of detention, must reside and remain at parents' home, two-weektime in alcohol or controlled substance, including tobacco, commit to incoherent acts, attend a full-time job.
Tasha L. Koopnick, 17, 707 Fern Drive, Burley, Count 1, resisting obstructing an officer, pretrial hearing Feb. 13, in custody of juvenile detention center.
Lucas G. Enderby, 17, 350 N. 7th E., Castleford, Count 1, motor vehicle, Count 2, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Count 3, use

of a controlled substance, in custody of juvenile detention center.

Arraignments

Victor James Smith, 30, 40 Addison Ave. W., No. 18, Twin Falls, lead conduct with a human shield, preliminary hearing set Feb. 2, public defender appointed, bail set at \$10,000 may have no contact with victim if released.
Christi Joshua Thompson, 20, 475 Cassard Ave., No. 06, Twin Falls, driving without proper license, pleaded innocent, pretrial hearing Feb. 10, no contact with victim if released, probation, pretrial hearing, released on own recognizance, three case only.

Idaho, Twin Falls, violation of civil protection order of restraining warrant issued with \$5,000 bond, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, released on own recognizance, this charge only, insufficient probable cause, no contact within 1,000 yards of victims or direct or indirect contact.

Ronald Jack Palos, 29, 1806 Shoup Ave. E., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, 11, and 11 blood-alcohol content, pleaded innocent, administrative license suspension, public defender appointed, public defender appointed, bail set at \$500.

Ronald Jack Palos, 29, 1806 Shoup Ave. E., Twin Falls, aggravated assault, preliminary hearing set Feb. 2, public defender appointed, bail set at \$5,000.
Paul William Chase, 35, 920 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, 11, without previous license, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, bail set at \$500 on Count 1, released on own recognizance for no probable cause on Count 2.

Rafael R. Betancourt, 25, 729 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, failure to purchase driver's license, failure to appear on failure to pay license, warrant issued with \$500 bond, bond set per warrant.

Roman V. Mendoza, 19, 505 Eighth Ave. S., No. 5, Buhl, driving without proper license, failure to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$2,000.

Roman V. Mendoza, 19, 505 Eighth Ave. S., No. 5, Buhl, resisting and obstructing police officers, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, released on own recognizance.
Ron Lee Pitt, 30, 867 Sandland Drive, Twin Falls, petty theft, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, bail set at \$500.

Tracy Lee Stephens, 35, 137 Lincoln St., Kinkorby, fugitive warrant from Montana for felony conspiracy to commit theft and felony perjury, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing set, bail set at \$5,000.

Isabel J. Ruiz Castillo, 36, 217 Sidney, Twin Falls, aggravated assault, preliminary

hearing set Feb. 2, public defender appointed, bail set at \$1,500, order of no contact with victim, ordered to forfeit handgun.
Alma Castillo, 26, 217 Sidney, Twin Falls, domestic battery, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, released on own recognizance, this charge, no contact order entered, forfeiture of handgun ordered.
Paula Ann Rowland, 42, 54 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, harboring a vicious dog, failure to pay, warrant issued, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, bail set at \$153 cash only on warrant, released on own recognizance, this charge only.

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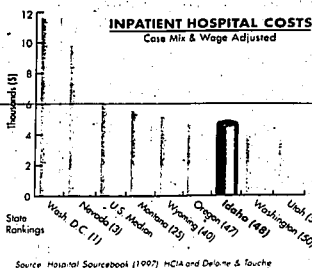
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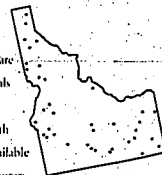
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Advising commissions for prison sentences could save Idaho money

BOISE (AP) — Twenty states have adopted sentencing commissions to bring prison costs down by determining what kinds of criminal sentences work and are affordable.

Some state officials are suggesting Idaho look into them. Hulse Maier, leader Bruce Newsome, R-Burley, has asked the Legislature and judges to examine the idea.

Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout said it could bring to light the consequences of criminal laws and penalties lawmakers write.

"I can see some merit to having a group looking at the big picture," she said.

Twenty years ago, Idaho prisons

Blaze destroys new potato plant; jobs lost

RIGBY (AP) — A fire has destroyed a 1-year-old potato plant, ruining expensive equipment and putting 80 employees out of work.

"This is just amazing," said a dazed Bryan Mickelson as he watched Jefferson County and city firefighters try to submerge portions of Rigby Produce Friday morning. "It just makes me sick to my stomach."

The fire destroyed the building, as well as 900,000 pounds of potatoes and potato-packing, cleaning and sorting equipment. Mickelson estimated at least \$5 million worth of equipment was destroyed.

Insurance money will be used to rebuild the business, but Mickelson does not expect it to reopen for at least a year. No cause of the blaze has been announced.

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JFAC heads side with Fox in fight with board

BOISE (AP) — The chairman of the Legislature's budget-writing committee are siding with Schools Superintendent Anne Fox in her latest dispute with the state board of education.

During its meeting Monday and Tuesday in Boise, the board is slated to consider requiring its approval for the Department of Education's budget to take effect.

Board member Curtie Eaton said the move was prompted by the 1997 Legislature's decision to move \$500,000 for academic testing from the public school budget controlled by the board to Fox's agency budget.

Fox, herself a board member, is asking the others to withdraw the proposal because she contends it would give them unprecedented authority over her department's budget.

"I will not take my budget to the state board, no matter what," she told the Idaho Republican Party Central Committee on Saturday. "We will file a lawsuit if we have to."

The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee chairman, Sen. Atwell Parry and Rep. Robert Geddes, said Fox has constitutional authority behind her as an elected official that may override the board's wishes.

"It is not our desire to get in a conflict between the state Department of Education and state Board of Education, but we do feel strongly that the two should stand alone," they wrote in Thursday letter to the board.

Parry, R-Melba, and Geddes, R-Preston, said they view the department's budget request as one from a constitutionally elected official and the board's request as coming from a committee appointed by Gov. Phil Batt.

Sen. Jerry Thorpe, R-Hampden, who serves on the budget committee, said it is wrong for the board to try and wrest that control.

"It's very important that a constitutional officer be able to bring in people that he or she

chooses, as well as have the discretion for salaries and management of that staff," he said.

"If you start taking away from an elected person the few opportunities they have to bring forward public ideas and change, then you have blocked one of the avenues of the voice of the people from being heard through their elected official."

Eaton said the board should not allow the issue to take away from its most important task before the budget committee this week, seeking the maximum amount of funding for the schools.

Curtie Eaton



Cenarrusa to run again

BOISE (AP) — At the age of 80, Idaho Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa is not yet ready to retire.

The Carey sheep rancher has been secretary of state since his appointment by Gov. Don Samuelson on May

1, 1967 — almost 31 years ago. But he said a colleague in North Carolina served for more than 50 years, "so I guess it's not time to go yet."

Cenarrusa said he did not decide to run again until recently and "after

much thought." But he is among Republican leaders told by U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne that he would appreciate having their help and experience to draw on if he succeeds in winning GOP Gov. Phil Batt next year.

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BOISE (AP) — Here are Saturday evening's road conditions for the Idaho Department of Transportation.

- Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Utah line, dry.
- Interstate 85 — Salt Lake City-Raft River, dry; Raft River-American Falls, Pocatello, wet, icy spots.
- Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, icy spots; Malad Pass, icy spots; McCammon-Fort Hall, wet; Fort Hall-Idaho Falls, wet; Idaho Falls-Dubois, wet; Monida Pass, icy spots; broken snow floor.
- Interstate 50 — Washington line-Coeur d'Alene, wet; 4th of July Pass, wet; Cataldo-Wallace, wet; Wallace-LOOKOUT Pass, slush, broken snow floor.
- Idaho 55 — Boise-Horseshoe Bend, dry; Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, dry, wet; Donnelly-McCall, dry, wet.
- U.S. 95 — Oregon line-Parma, dry; Parma-Hayden, dry; Payette-Cambridge, dry, wet; Cambridge-New Meadows-Riggins, dry, wet; Riggins-Whitebird, dry, wet; Whitebird Hill, wet; Grangeville-Winchester, dry; Winchester-Caldwell, icy spots; Caldwell-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston Hill, wet; Lewiston Hill-Moscow, icy spots; Moscow-Beneva County line, icy spots; Beneva County line-Plummer, wet; Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, wet; Coeur d'Alene-Bonner County line, icy spots; Bonner County line-Sandpoint, wet; Sandpoint-Boundary County line, wet; Boundary County line-Junction U.S. 2, wet; Junction U.S. 2-Canadian border, wet.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, wet; Idaho City-Lewman, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lewman-Banner Summit, CLOSED; Banner Summit-Stanley, snow floor.
- U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Junction Idaho 3, wet; Junction Idaho 3-Kootenai, wet; Kootenai-Lowell, wet; Lowell-Powell, icy spots; Powell-Lolo Pass, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Cat Creek Summit, dry, wet, icy spots; Cat Creek Summit-Junction Idaho 75, wet; Junction Idaho 75-Carey, dry; Carey-Idaho Falls, broken snow floor, snow floor; Idaho Falls-Ashdon, wet; Ashdon-Montana line, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Junction U.S. 20, broken snow floor; Junction U.S. 20-Ketchum, snow floor; Ketchum-Salem, snow floor; Salem-Stanley, snow floor; Stanley-Clayton, snow floor; Clayton-Challis, icy spots, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Shoshone, icy spots; Shoshone-Carey, dry; Carey-Craters of the Moon, dry; Craters of the Moon-Arco, snow floor; Arco-Challis, dry, icy spots; Challis-Salmon, icy spots, icy, broken snow floor; Salmon-Lov Trail Pass, icy, broken snow floor, snow floor.
- U.S. 91 — Wet.
- U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, wet; Soda Springs-Montpelier, wet; Montpelier-Wyoming line, icy spots.
- U.S. 26 — Junction U.S. 20-Blackfoot, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ririe, icy spots; Ririe-Wyoming line, broken snow floor, snow floor.
- Idaho 51 — Icy.
- Idaho 28 — Icy spots, icy, broken snow floor.

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Forest Service unsure of moratorium's effect

The Associated Press

The Clinton administration's proposed moratorium on road-building in roadless areas could cut timber production on northern Idaho's Nez Perce National Forest in half, according to a report by the Idaho Forest Conservation League. The report says that the Forest Service's estimate of the forest's potential for timber production is based on a 1980s-era study that did not take into account the effects of logging on the forest's health. The report says that the Forest Service's estimate is based on a 1980s-era study that did not take into account the effects of logging on the forest's health.

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Lawyer allegedly assaults rapist

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The Weber County sheriff's office is investigating a complaint that attorney Geoffrey Clark assaulted a confessed serial rapist Jason Brett Higgins during a meeting at the jail around noon Thursday.

"We are investigating the allegation," said sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Clint Anderson. "We are taking it very seriously."

Higgins did not require medical attention as a result of the incident, Anderson said Higgins alleges that Clark assaulted him during a heated discussion.

"I can't elaborate any more than that," he said. "We are not really sure what happened."

Clark on Friday denied any assault took place but said Higgins became "disruptive" during a regular visit with him in the jail Thursday.

"He fired him, Clark said. "He relieved me as counsel in the case and used several expletives as he did so. I exchanged expletives with him," Clark said.

Clark said there was no physical contact as the two men yelled at each other during the session in a jail visiting room and that with the verbal exchange took place, he simply walked out of the visiting room and told a deputy that Higgins should be returned to his cell.

"We continued to exchange colorful expletives with one another as they took him back to his cell," Clark said.

Higgins, 24, pleaded guilty last month to nine rapes between October 1996 and February 1997 that involved eight victims. Under terms of a plea bargain, his defense team is joining with the prosecution's recommendation of a 30-years-to-life prison term.

"You can't argue with the fact that roads are one of the most impacting activities that man does on the landscape. It has benefits and has impacts," Caswell said.

Last year, the agency reviewed its road-building practices after the Clearwater was plagued with stream-clogging landslides from heavy rainfall. An independent science panel blamed 58 percent of 905 landslides on road construction.

Those studies do not establish a link between roads and a decline of species such as salmon and steelhead trout, said Gregory Bales of the Intermountain Forest Industry Association in Coeur d'Alene.

Caswell insists certain areas are invaded because the Forest Service wanted them that way. "Why do we have so much country still in an undeveloped condition? You think that's an accident?" he asked.

Conservationist says proposal undermines water quality

MOSCOW (AP) — The Legislature last year decided the environmental problems associated with mining warranted strengthening of the state's groundwater quality laws. But now conservationists fear lawmakers may loosen the stringent pollution rules applying to mining.

At issue is whether a mining operation should

be held responsible for the contamination of groundwater by naturally occurring geological elements up in earth-moving or drilling.

Conservationists argue the companies should be responsible for any groundwater pollution near an active mine site caused by extraction.

Mining interests say they should not have to pay or shut down their operations for a natu-

rally occurring element that would be there whether there was a mine or not.

The House Environmental Affairs Committee has passed the exemption for mining operations.

The Idaho Conservation League, which helped design the groundwater guidelines, feels the committee's action circumvents that negotiated rule-making process.



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February 7.....	Twin Falls, ID	March 12.....	Buhl, ID
February 19.....	Filler, ID	March 13.....	Paul, ID
February 20.....	Burley, ID	March 14.....	Hansen, ID
February 21.....	Buhl, ID	March 16.....	Arcó, ID
February 23.....	Murtaugh, ID	March 19.....	West End Community, Buhl, ID
February 26.....	Gooding, ID	March 21.....	Hazelton, ID
February 27.....	Rossworth, ID	March 28.....	Mundaka Community, Rupert, ID
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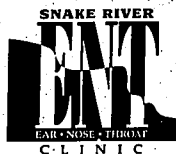
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Budget attacks don't concern Batt

BOISE (AP) — The Legislature's spending committee hasn't been exactly friendly to Gov. Phil Batt in the first couple of weeks of the legislative session.

It has slashed away at some of his minor spending recommendations and trimmed \$1.5 million from the amount the state prison system says it needs to house inmates in county jails and other facilities.

A budget panel dominated by conservatives even rejected extra-funding for the effects of two of the hardest-working women in state government, Eileen Peterson at the Board of Tax Appeals and Marilyn Shuler, the retiring director of the Human Rights Commission.

Does that mean lawmakers consider Batt a lame duck in the final year of his four-year term as governor?



Batt doesn't think so. He admitted that "it is a different type of process" in his last year, "but I don't feel that my services are impeded or inhibited in any way."

Besides, he said, the media has "cashed off."

"I don't think I've had quite the harsh grilling from you folks that I had the first three years," he said.

His staff points out that in his budget message, the governor specifically noted that his spending blueprint was just a proposal, and he invited differing ideas.

"This budget, if enacted, will allow adequate funding for Idaho's governmental needs while refraining from wasting taxpayer money," Batt said. "If you have better proposals, I stand

ready to accept them."

The governor also said he understood that the needs of the Human Rights Commission and the Board of Tax Appeals would be handled elsewhere in their budgets.

This past week's small budget requests are not where the battles will be fought. Looming is the annual contest for education dollars.

Batt recommended an increase of \$42 million in general state tax support for public schools, a figure that the Legislature probably will accept. The Idaho Education Association wants more but won't get it.

Schools Superintendent Anne Fox will request an extra \$6 million when she goes before the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee in the coming week, but the governor has far more influence over the budget-makers, who are likely to ignore Fox's request.

Batt already has won one of the first contests this session. The committee in charge of deciding state employee compensation voted to put an extra \$21 million into state worker pay, very close to the Batt recommendation of \$20.6 million. Most will go into merit increases, which is what the governor wanted.

The GOP supermajority will go along with that spending plan, in part to take away a possible election issue for the Democrats. Lawmakers and Batt agreed last year to give state workers no raises for fear there wouldn't be enough tax revenue to cover them, although it turned out that fear was unfounded.

Putting 5 percent more into state employee salaries should defuse that issue.

Batt: Lawmakers will miss boat if they don't OK plan

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers are still casting a leery eye on Gov. Phil-Batt's plan to keep his final state spending blueprint in balance by squeezing another \$12.5 million in taxes out of a huge underground economy.

But the governor suggests passing on his plan would be missing a bet in a state where spending demands always greatly exceed the taxes being collected with existing manpower and policies.

Taking a page from a 14-month-old legislative report on the so-called tax gap, Batt proposes spending \$2 million on 29 more tax collectors to wring the extra cash from residents who are not filing returns or refusing to comply with tax laws and from nonresidents who operate for short times in the state or dispose of property in Idaho without paying taxes.

"My recommendations for additional auditors and additional efficiencies over there is for the purpose of collecting taxes which are due and not being collected, mainly out of state," Batt said. "So if they eliminate that whole process, I think they're throwing away money they could get."

But the proposal is being given only a 50-50 chance of approval as some lawmakers, operating in an atmosphere of public outcries over federal tax collectors, start looking at the details and recall some of the tax fiascos in the recent past.

One that comes quickly to their minds is the sales tax card debacle of the late 1980s when for a matter of months the Legislature required farmers and others eligible to make sales tax-free purchases to carry special cards verifying their tax-exempt status.

That and other problems led to the adoption in 1993 of a Taxpayer Bill of Rights that lawmakers maintained evened the playing field for taxpayers disputing tax Commission claims.

"We're just past an era where we had to deal with a lot of taxpayer complaints," conservative Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Idaho, said. "We may be just repeating history here."

He talks about policy swings from intensifying tax collections to standing staunchly in defense of overburdened taxpayers, arguing that "maybe we're in the throes of that big swing again."

Legislative performance evaluators estimated in late 1996 that cheating and honest mistakes combine to deny the state treasury \$244 million in taxes each year. State collection efforts are recovering about \$22 million, and experts said it would be economically feasible to expect only \$50 million more could be recovered through beefed up enforcement.

Still, that would be a major infusion of cash into a budget that annually leaves higher education and public schools short of even relatively conservative estimates of needed state support while being pushed to the limit to accommodate spiraling criminal justice costs.

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SERVICES

George Andrew Urdahl of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. Monday at the White Mortuary Chapel; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Marie L. Fuller of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church; a coffee hour will follow for all friends in the Fireside Room of the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Janice E. Short of Twin Falls,

11:30 a.m. Monday at the Reynolds Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until time of the service Monday at the funeral chapel.

Howard W. Gerlich of Ridgecrest, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Lenzy L. Spencer Sr. of Filer, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the White Mortuary Chapel.

-DEATH NOTICES-

Ruth W. Johansen
RICHFIELD - Ruth W. Johansen, 77, of Twin Falls and formerly of Richfield, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, at her home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Elton Z. Alexander
SHOSHONE - Elton Zane Alexander, 77, of Shoshone, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Elmer Hanson
WENDELL - Elmer Hanson, 90, of Pocaterra, Ariz., and formerly of Wendell, died Friday, Jan. 23, 1998, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Frank V. Irace Jr.
WENDELL - Frank Vincent Irace Jr., 15-month-old son of Camiel Irace and Frank Irace Sr., both of Wendell, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

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Elison Willard and Betty Downing, both of Burley.
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Released:
Zachery Webster, John Webster, Crystal Ortiz and Scott Mickelson, all of Rupert.
Births:
A daughter was born to Rogelio and Maria Leon of Rupert.

Hundreds flock to Right to Life demonstration

BOISE (AP) — The annual Right of Life of Idaho demonstration against the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Roe vs. Wade decision took on added significance Saturday, as much for renewed efforts in the Legislature to restrict abortions as for the 25th anniversary of their legalization.

"This is a critical year for those of us who are pro-life. The whole issue of abortion is finally able to

come forward this year," state Rep. Bill Sali, R-Meridian, told a crowd on the Statehouse steps.

The gathering stretched across the street to the statue of former Gov. Frank Steunenberg.

Pat Benson, president of Right to Life of Idaho Inc., applauded the parents, members of the clergy and others who took part in Saturday's event.

"It's encouraging to us to know that there's this kind of commu-

ment in our community to turn out to make a statement, to protest what has become the worst smudge on the history of our nation," Benson said.

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passage of three proposals expected to be introduced in the Legislature this session, including a bill that backers contend would ban so-called "partial-birth" abortions.

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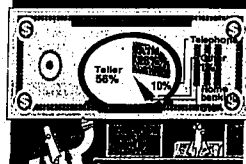
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idaho firm to accept resumes for jobs in South

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. — Idaho catalogue retailer Coldwater Creek will start accepting applications for work at its new Wood County distribution center in March, company officials said.

The Sandpoint-based company will look to hire 400 warehouse and customer service workers as it builds a \$30 million, 400,000-square-foot distribution facility. As many as 1,600 employees are expected to be hired within the next few years for jobs averaging \$8 an hour with benefits, company officials said. The center will be staffed 24 hours a day.

Coldwater Creek mails out more than 50 million catalogs each year, offering casual clothing, gifts and jewelry. The company had sales of \$144 million in 1996.

Zions First National Bank names new president, CEO

SALT LAKE CITY — A. Scott Anderson has replaced Harris H. Simmons as president and chief executive officer of Zions First National Bank, the largest subsidiary of Zions Bancorp. Simmons becomes chairman of Zions Bancorp, replacing Roy Simmons, who is stepping down from that position. Roy Simmons remains chairman of Zions Bancorp and chairman of the executive committee of Zions Bank.

Harris Simmons also remains president and CEO of Zions Bancorp, based in Salt Lake City.

Zions officials also announced that Anderson was named a director and member of the executive committee of Zions Bancorp. Anderson has served with the bank since 1991 as executive vice president of retail banking, responsible for the bank's 130 branches in Utah and Idaho as well as small consumer and small business banking activities.

Utah-based data storage firm sees boost in earnings

ROY, Utah — Iomega Corp. reported fourth quarter earnings of \$26 million, or 12 cents per share, up 77 percent from 1996's final quarter earnings of \$20 million and 7 cents per share. The Roy-based data storage company also noted Thursday that it had realized record revenues of \$547 million, a 33 percent increase from 1996's fourth quarter mark of \$397 million.

For the year, Iomega's revenues grew 43 percent to \$1.7 billion. Last year, revenues reached \$1.2 billion.

Meanwhile, the company's net income doubled in 1997 to \$115 million, up from \$57 million for 1996.

"We are pleased with our year-over-year sales and net income growth," said Iomega president Kim Edwards. "We shipped twice as many Zip drives in 1997 as in 1996, further evidence of our progress toward making the Zip drive the new standard in the high capacity removable storage market segment."

Due in part to safer cars, auto insurers mull lowering rates

WASHINGTON — With safer cars, less drunk driving, lower crime rates and other favorable social trends reducing their costs, some of the nation's largest auto insurers are considering lowering premium charges for millions of vehicle owners, several auto insurance industry analysts and officials said.

Such reductions, should they take place, would reverse a decades-long trend of escalating insurance costs and would represent a major economic payoff for years of pressure on the auto industry for safety improvements and on drivers to behave more responsibly. They also reflect, in the view of many analysts, the impact of a giant baby boom generation reaching middle age, when drivers tend to slow down and act more cautiously.

"We're looking at an industry-wide phenomenon of lower claims costs that is helping to reduce insurance premiums," said Weston M. Hicks, an analyst with Sanford Bernstein Inc. in New York.

There are a whole host of factors at work behind this, including an aging population with safer driving habits, and insurance pricing is beginning to reflect those factors," Hicks said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

When a small town's businesses fail

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Moe Bandy, in his 1988 hit song "America," sings of America's well-being in its small towns—away from the fast lane of interstate highways and shopping malls.

But an effect of fast-lane living—convenience—is what some owners of Wendell's recently failed businesses say made them close up shop.

Ace Theatres, Jeanne's Books N' More, and Hogie's Restaurant offered distinctive services in town, but they've all folded since September.

All dried up

The Ace had charm—its old-time sign with neon-light stars, and the 1945 Viking popcorn machine; special services—a free refill on a large popcorn and extra-large soda, handphones for the hearing impaired and early showing of new releases; and high technology—digital sound and state-of-the-art projectors. But those qualities didn't attract enough moviegoers from Wendell and surrounding towns.

"People came to the Ace because it was convenient," said owner Kathy Eickhoff. "If they were shopping in Twin Falls, then it was convenient to see a movie there. We can't pay labor to run shows all hours like the big places."

Kathy's husband, John Eickhoff, who masterminded the business and opened it in 1992, also sees a trend of people choosing videos over movie theaters. The couple continues to operate a video-rental business inside the theater building.

Jeanne Spencer of Jeanne's Books N' More, which opened in 1994 and was the town's only bookstore (it also offered office supplies and other items), echoed Eickhoff's view on convenience.

"Most of our business came from Hagerman and Gooding," she said. "People came who wanted something new."

"I'd have people who came in and say, 'I didn't know you had this in your store."



DARRY ORWELL/The Times-News

I just bought this in Twin Falls and I paid more," she said.

Spencer's husband said locals are in the habit of shopping at Twin Falls.

Hogie's Restaurant first opened March 17 at 5 a.m. to serve early-morning customers.

"We figured we'd get some of the dairy traffic, but we didn't," said owner Dee Hoogendoorn.

She and her husband, John Hoogendoorn, and their son all worked in the restaurant at first, staying open until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; that didn't work out either. They got behind on their payments, so John Hoogendoorn left to work elsewhere.

Their son left the business, too, and Dee Hoogendoorn ran it 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. with hired help.

"We developed a steady clientele," she said. "We almost always had good comments on the food. I think I was drawing pretty good from town, especially other business people."

What Hoogendoorn calls a social club developed from 9 to 11 a.m., a time when people came to chat over coffee but understood they'd have to get their own refills.

"It was a slow time while I was getting the special for the day ready," she said. "They weren't taking up any space that

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Seven-year-old Molly Eickhoff plays in front of her parents' video store located in Ace Theatres on Wendell's Main Street. The Eickhoffs shut down their theater more than a week ago and just rent videos now.

CSI centers offer help for small businesses

The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls offers free business counseling for owners and would-be owners of small businesses. The college's Leadership and Entrepreneurship Training Center offers leadership, computer and customized training classes for a fee. For more information, call the business center in the Evergreen Building at 733-9554, Ext. 2450.

A survey of Magic Valley employers How benefits compare

Employer	Number of employees	Medical deductible	Vision	Dental	Pension/ 401(k)	Sick time	Vacation days (for new employee)
Avonmore West	370	\$200 Individual, \$400 family	✓	✓	401(k)	3 days/year	40 hours, after 1 year
City of Burley	About 100	\$300 Individual, \$600 family			Pension	8 hours/month	8 hours/month
Cactus Poles casino, Jackpot, Nev.	850 to 970	\$250 Individual, up to \$750 family	✓	✓	401(k)	5 days/year, for salaried employees. None for hourly workers.	5-10 days, after 1 year
Clear Shield National Inc., Twin Falls	10	\$400 family		✓	401(k)	40 hours/year	1 week, after 8 months
College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls	430 full-time	\$200 to \$300 Individual, \$600 to \$900 family	✓	✓	Pension, or contribution plan	12 days/year	2 weeks after 1 year
Costco, Twin Falls	130	\$100 to \$1,000	✓	✓	401(k)	8 days/year	5 days/year
Idaho State Police, Twin Falls	131	\$200 to \$300 Individual, \$600 to \$900 family	✓	✓	Pension	3.7 hours per 80 hours worked	1 day/month
Jerome Cheese Co.	138	\$150 Individual, \$300 family			401(k)	None	1 week
Lamb Weston, Twin Falls	950	\$150 Individual, \$400 family	✓	✓	401(k) and retirement	None; short-term disability available	1 week, after 1 year
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls	800	\$250 or \$750		✓	Pension	4 days/year	10 days/year
Power Engineers, Halley	375	\$250 or \$1,500	✓	✓	401(k)	5 days/year	10 days/year
Sundance Ag Inc., Burley	19	\$200 Individual, \$300 family			401(k)	6 days/year	2 weeks, after 1 year
The Times-News, Twin Falls	240	\$200 Individual, \$400 family			Pension, optional 401(k)	5 days/year	2 weeks/year
City of Twin Falls	165	\$300 Individual, \$600 family		✓	Pension	6-12 days/year	12 days/year
Twin Falls Canal Co.	60	\$300 Individual, \$600 family			Pension	4 hours/month	8 hours/month
Twin Falls County	328	\$750, but county pays 80 % after \$200	✓	✓	Deferred comp.	80 hours/year	80 hours
Twin Falls School District	736/850 eligible for benefits	\$200 Individual, \$400 family			Pension	1 day/month	10 days for year-round employees, after 1 yr. Certified employees work for 191 days with no paid vacation.
U.S. Postal Service	2,500, from McCall through southern Idaho	\$150 to \$400	Depends on medical plan	✓	Federal pension	Up to 104 hours	1 hr/20 hrs worked
Wal-Mart, Burley	160	\$250 to \$1,000	✓	✓	401(k)	1 1/2 days/month, after 6 months	1 week, after 1 year

* Most employers add vacation days, according to employee longevity.

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MONEY

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Dell P. Smith was among the 1,592 initiates from around the world who became fellows of the American College of Surgeons during convocation ceremonies at the recent annual clinical congress in Chicago.

Smith received a medical doctorate in 1986 from the University of Washington and is in practice at 552 Shoup Ave. W. He received board certification from the American Board of Surgery in 1995 and from the American Board of Plastic Surgery in 1996. He says he has strong professional interest in plastic and reconstructive surgery, cosmetic and surgery of the hand. Smith holds membership in other professional societies, including the American Medical Association, American College of Surgeons and American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

The American College of Surgeons is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. Applicants for fellowships must be graduates of an approved medical school, have completed advanced training in one of 13 surgical specialties recognized by the college and have been in the same geographic location for at least two years. Before



Dr. Dell P. Smith — Richard L. Redman admission, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and his acceptance as a fellow of the college must be approved by three-fourths of its board regents.

ALBION — Richard L. Redman has been promoted to general manager of the Albion Telephone Co. and its subsidiaries. ATC is a family-owned corporation founded in 1925 by Redman's great-grandmother, Jeannette Breslin. With state-of-the-art digital switching, it serves the communities of Albion, Alma, Elba, Holbrook, Malta and Raft River in Idaho and the Yost area of Utah, the company says.

Westel Inc., a company subsidiary, serves Arco, Mackay, Moore, Howe and Malad. Redman attended Boise State University with a major in business administration, an electronics course at Texas A & M and numerous technical schools and



Ray Sabala

seminars pertaining to the telephone industry. On his return to Albion, he worked full time as a combination technician and in every aspect of the telephone industry before becoming assistant manager in 1991. He has been an integral part of the territorial and technical expansion of ATC, the company says.

Other recent accomplishments include his election as president of the Rocky Mountain Telecommunications Association at the September 1997 general membership meeting in Salt Lake City. The RMTA is an association of 103 independent telephone companies serving cus-

tomers in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

TWIN FALLS — Ray Sabala, owner/broker of Sabala Realty, recently attended a three-day residential specialist's conference in San Diego, Calif.

The conference involved the latest techniques on negotiating, responsive marketing and "tech-no-trends."

Sabala also says he obtained the senior's real-estate specialist designation for real estate professionals focused on the unique needs of the "over 55" client.

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Mason Robison has been promoted to the position of staff physician at Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Robison recently moved to Twin Falls from Arizona. He has

provided psychiatric care in various positions since 1961. His work has included positions as medical director and administrator of various hospitals, universities and mental health services in Alaska, Kansas, California, South Dakota, Hawaii and Oklahoma. He also has worked at Canyon View on a temporary basis every year since 1992.

Robison's training includes the University of Oregon Medical School, Stanford University, University of Oregon at Tulsa, Boise Junior

College and the College of Idaho. He has been a board-certified psychiatrist since 1981 and is a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Robison is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He will be providing both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric and addiction treatment services for both adults and adolescents at Canyon View. Mrs. Barbara Robison will be working as a clinical nurse manager at Canyon View.

Wendell

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mattered, I like that type of atmosphere."

But county fairs and the time the city tore up the restaurant parking area to install new water lines hurt business, she said, and the restaurant closed in November.

"When things were going on in other towns I should have cut back on help," she said.

The restaurant's layout also added to operating costs.

"A restaurant with a counter would be better than what we had. The only rush was lunch hour, 12 to 1," Hoogendorn said.

"We really had a little diner, had to have a waitress and a cook; otherwise, one person could have run it most of the time."

'Doing my business locally'

All told, the restaurant needed out-of-town customers to succeed, Hoogendorn said, and the potential customers are out there on the fast lane — Interstate 84.

"Signage on the freeway would have done us a lot of good," she said. "We didn't have the capital behind us to do more."

It's no secret that Wendell is a growing community from where an uncertain number of its people drive the fast lane to work elsewhere.

A larger population could inspire John Eickhof to reopen Ace Theater.

"I'd be happy if we broke even," he said the day before closing the theaters this month.

Jeanne Spencer looked back on her effort to run a Wendell business.

"After my experience I'm more conscious about doing my business locally," she said. "People really need to check local businesses for prices. Sometimes little towns have big towns don't."

Service in a small town is better," Dee Hoogendorn dislikes the specter of empty business build-

ings. "There's nothing worse than closing through a little town with closed businesses" — and longs to try again at running an eatery.

"I wanted to see my business go well enough that my backer would buy Jeanne's (next door) and make it into a 'big restaurant,'" Hoogendorn said. "I really miss the restaurant."

Times-News correspondent Steve Koehn can be reached in Wendell at 536-2545.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



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New breed of IRAs can help finance kids' college

By Neil Downing
Providence Journal-Bulletin

Q. As a grandparent with 10 grandchildren, I was looking into opening an Education IRA with \$500 for each child, which, I'm told, I can limit each year. I wanted to do this as a Christmas gift. ... Their ages are 1 to 13. Are there two different programs, such as a Roth IRA and an education program? What is the advantage of either?

—J.S., Crunston, R.I.

A. Those children are pretty lucky to have a grandparent like you! Your plan is noble, and you've got a good general idea of what the new types of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are all about. Here are some details:

Despite its name, an Education IRA isn't a retirement account at all. It's called an IRA, says John Cunniff, executive editor of RIA Group in New York, a publisher of tax information for accountants and other tax professionals.

"Its purpose is completely different from a (regular) IRA," Cunniff says. "It's really designed to help provide for your retirement," he said. "The Education IRA has one purpose and one purpose only, and that is to provide for a beneficiary's higher education."

You're right about the annual contribution limit. It's \$500. It applies per beneficiary, not per contributor, according to a congressional report on the tax law that created Education IRAs.

So you can open as many accounts as you like, for as many children as you like. But the maximum that can be contributed on behalf of any one beneficiary is \$500 a year.

Whether you can contribute depends on your income:

- If you're single, you can make a full \$500 contribution on someone's behalf if your adjusted gross income is \$95,000 or less; a partial contribution if income is between \$95,000 and \$110,000; no contribution if your income is above \$110,000.

- If you're married and filing a joint federal income tax return, you can make a full contribution if your adjusted gross income is \$150,000 or less; a partial one if income is between \$150,000 and \$160,000; and none if income is above \$160,000.

The money the account earns each year isn't taxed, as it would be in a regular bank account, for example.

And withdrawals will be free of tax and penalty altogether if they're used strictly for the beneficiary's college expenses, including tuition, books, fees, equipment and supplies. (The money can also be used for room and board if the child is enrolled on at least a half-time basis.)

If money still remains in a beneficiary's account after he or she graduates, it must be withdrawn by the time the beneficiary turns 30, the congressional report says. And at that point, the beneficiary must include the earnings in his or her income (making it subject to tax). The earnings will also face a 10 percent penalty.

But the beneficiary can avoid tax and penalty altogether if he or she transfers the money to an Education IRA held by another family member, such as a younger brother or sister, Rywick said.

Here are some potential drawbacks to Education IRAs:

- Because of the annual contribution limit, and because contributions aren't allowed after the beneficiary turns 18,

YOUR TAXES

How to calculate education credit

Beginning in 1998, many taxpayers can take a credit for a portion of college tuition and related expenses. How to figure the credit:

For couples filing jointly whose adjusted gross income is under \$80,000 (\$40,000 for individuals):

For first two years of college

First \$1,000 of eligible expenses X 100% = \$1,000

Second \$1,000 X 50% = \$500

Maximum total credit = \$1,500

For third, fourth years

Beginning July 1998

20% of expenses up to \$5,000 = \$1,000 maximum credit

Beginning 2003

20% of expenses up to \$10,000 = \$2,000 maximum credit

Other benefits

- Up to \$1,000 student loan interest deduction (beginning 1998; rises by \$500 a year to \$2,500 in 2001)

- Education IRAs: Parents can contribute \$500 yearly for each child under 18; contributions by tax-advantaged earnings not taxed

- Penalty-free withdrawal from IRAs for post-secondary education

* Parents of legally dependent students or students themselves can qualify for interest deduction. Student fees not covered; students convicted of felony drug offenses not eligible.

SOURCE: Congressional documents

KAT Intergroups

It's unlikely that an Education IRA alone will be enough to pay for all a beneficiary's college expenses.

If you invested \$500 a year for 18 years, and your account earned an average of 8 percent a year, your account might wind up with about \$18,725.

But compare that with the average cost of one year of college in this school year: \$21,424 at a private school, \$10,069 at a public school. These averages cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board, transport and other expenses at a typical four-year school, according to The College Board, a nonprofit association of colleges and universities.

But those are just today's costs. What'll the numbers be like in 18 years? If the inflation in college costs averages 5 percent a year, you'll be looking at a bill of nearly \$52,000 for one year at a private school, or more than \$24,000 for one year at a public school.

If anyone contributes in a given year to a state-sponsored tuition-savings program on a beneficiary's behalf, nobody can contribute in that same year to that same beneficiary's Education IRA. (Many states already have these programs, and more are planned.)

If your beneficiary uses Education IRA money to pay for college costs in a given year, the law won't allow a Hope Scholarship Credit or Lifetime Learning Credit to be claimed in that same year on the beneficiary's behalf.

This can be painful, because these credits—which also take effect in 1998 (at different rates)—offer a valuable dollar-for-dollar reduction in federal income tax. In general, the Hope credit is worth up to \$1,500 a year; the Lifetime Learning credit is worth up to \$1,000 a year.

As an alternative to the Education IRA, think about the Roth IRA. The most you can contribute is \$2,000 a year. (The limit is either \$2,000, or all of your earned income, whichever is less.)

Whether you can contribute depends on your adjusted gross income. (The dollar thresholds are the same as those for the Education IRA.) You also must have earned income in order to be eligible to contribute. (If your child or grandchild wants to open his or her own Roth IRA, he or she must have earned income.)

You get no immediate income tax deduction for contributing

to a Roth IRA. But tax is deferred on the money that grows inside your account each year.

What about withdrawals? In general, if your account is open at least five years, then the earnings you withdraw afterward won't be taxed if you're over age 59½, or if withdrawals are made on account of your death, disability or for so-called "first-time homebuyer" expenses.

How can the Roth help pay for college? You can save more money each year than you can with an Education IRA—\$2,000 vs. \$500.

When it comes time to withdraw money for college, the withdrawals generally won't be taxed or penalized as long as they come only from contributions, not earnings. (The earnings can stay in the account to help toward another long-term goal, such as retirement.)

What if earnings are withdrawn, too? They'll probably be taxed. But they generally won't be subject to the 10 percent penalty as long as they're used for college education expenses.

Under the right circumstances, then, a Roth IRA can be an ideal way to help save for a college education. But in your particular case, it might not work. Why? You have 10 grandchildren, and the most you can contribute to your own Roth account each year is \$2,000.

You could have your grandchildren set up their own Roth accounts. But they'll need to have jobs, and some are too young to work. So the Education IRA may be the better choice for you right now.

Little-known IRS forms may be key in avoiding tax penalties

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Simply because they have never heard of a particular government form, many thousands of taxpayers will pay costly civil penalties to the Internal Revenue Service this year.

It is difficult to determine the precise number of such taxpayers, but in 1996 the Internal Revenue Service assessed 13.1 million taxpayers a total of \$1.2 billion in civil penalties for failure to pay taxes.

Many of these people could have avoided the penalties if they had known about IRS Form 1127, they would have recognized that the IRS may allow taxpayers to delay payment by up to six months during which interest, but not penalties, are assessed.

The form is so little known that some IRS employees are unaware of its existence, and the agency does little to publicize it. Moreover, it is not readily available.

Instead, most people caught in a financial bind use IRS Form 4868, which allows for an automatic four-month extension for filing. However, using this form both taxes and civil penalties are assessed on any tax owed in the interim.

The payment extension, as distinguished from the filing extension, is not granted automatically. Taxpayers must show that

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unforeseen circumstances beyond their control, such as medical bills, made it impossible for them to pay by April 15.

In each instance, however, one or the other form must be filed by the April 15 deadline. And if Form 1127 is used, the tax return itself must be filed on time.

Tax litigation consultant Dan Pitta, who teaches tax professionals in the ins and outs of the tax law and who has written nine books on the tax system, has done his best to inform the public about Form 1127, but it is still little understood.

Pitta, whose offices are in the St. Paul suburb of White Bear Lake, Minn., says he's had a difficult time learning why the form is so little publicized, since ineffectually there are many thousands of taxpayers who might benefit from its use.

The only explanation ever offered by the IRS, he says, is that it would create confusion, a somewhat ironic response, in view of 17,000 pages of tax rules and regulations that often confuse the IRS itself.

The two forms, Forms 1127 and Form 4868, are not the only

means by which pressured taxpayers can delay the inevitable. Using IRS Form 9465, a filer whose taxes but cannot pay the full amount immediately can request an installment agreement.

In worst-case situations, there exists such a thing as tax amnesty, although this aspect of the tax law also is little known.

Using IRS Form 6565, accompanied by IRS Form 433A, a taxpayer may submit an offer in compromise, conceding that the full amount is owed but pleading and proving that the total is unaffordable, and suggesting an amount that is financially feasible.

Proving such a case is not easy, but the results can be dramatic and relieve the taxpayer of mounting penalty, interest and compounding of debt that could weigh him down.

Pitta, a researcher who has delved into the most obscure alleyways of the IRS code, has made his life's work: writing books and articles, appearing on TV and radio programs, conducting seminars and training lawyers and accountants.

Much of the information used here is contained in his Tax Amnesty Forms Kit, which includes the book "Tax Amnesty."

IRAs regain life with tax bill

The Associated Press

The Individual Retirement Account got a new lease on life in the 1997 tax bill. Here are the three major options:

- Traditional IRAs: You get a deduction for annual contributions up to \$2,000 to IRAs. Earnings grow tax-deferred but withdrawals are fully taxable. But hold on—less than 4 percent of taxpayers qualify. Singles without a retirement plan at work qualify regardless of income.

- If you have a retirement plan at work, the deduction phases out for singles making between \$25,000 and \$35,000 and is gone above that amount; for marrieds, the limit is between \$40,000 and \$50,000. In 1998, these limits increase: for singles, \$30,000 to \$40,000 and couples, \$50,000 to \$60,000. Those limits will rise through 2007.

- You can make penalty-free withdrawals for major medical expenses. You begin in 1998, you can make penalty-free withdrawals for first-time home purchase and college tuition.

- Roth IRAs: These begin in 1998. Unlike traditional IRAs, you pay tax on money you put into Roth IRAs. But that's the last tax bill you pay on these unconventional accounts: your investment

grows tax-free and you aren't taxed on withdrawals.

For singles, eligibility phases out between \$35,000 and \$110,000 in income and couples between \$150,000 and \$160,000. You have to wait five years from your first contribution before you can withdraw money from the Roth IRA.

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February 7, 1996
Parents: Shannon Hayes
Grandparents: Bill & Louise Hayes



Kordell J. Hansen
April 3, 1991
Parents: Kempa & Eric
Great-Grandparents:
Loren & Elaine Hansen



Brooke Anne Fitzgerald
September 12, 1996
Parents: Andrew & Michele Fitzgerald
Grandparents: Charles & Brenda Major
late CJ & Agnes Fitzgerald



Joshua Ray Hunter
September 8, 1997
Parents: Lynn & Teresa Hunter
Grandparents: Joanne Hill
Wally & Lorraine Latham



Terran Andrew Jensen
May 26, 1997
Parents: Travis & Rachel Jensen
Grandparents: Stephen & Laura Olsen
Terry & Lanna Jensen



Gaige Christian Pinkerton
March 25, 1997
Parents: Ron & Kapla Pinkerton
Grandparents: Richard & Kaylene Edwards



Quin Callee Pinkerton
September 10, 1993
Parents: Ron & Kapla Pinkerton
Grandparents: Richard & Kaylene Edwards



Rachel Wilkinson
December 11, 1996
Parents: Brad & Amy Wilkinson
Grandparents: Rusty & Dorothy Wilkinson
Roland & Charm Peterson



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April 16, 1997
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Grandparents: Harold & Terri Simerly
Mike & Kathy Larson



Morgan Elizabeth McCarthy
November 23, 1996
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Grandparents: Bob & Pat McCarthy
Michele & LaDonna Carrell



Shania Marie Quiroga
September 3, 1996
Grandparents: Robert & Cathy Quiroga



Kensee Pierce
June 22, 1997
Parents: Travis & Doreen Pierce
Grandparents: Butch & Nancy Pierce



Kylee Pierce
November 10, 1996
Parents: Travis & Doreen Pierce
Grandparents: Butch & Nancy Pierce



Karli Dawn Bower
April 28, 1994
Parents: Brent & Rae Ann Bower
Grandparents: Robert & Diana Schindt
Dale & Violet Boesen



Skyler Monson
September 29, 1996
Parents: Steve & Stacy Monson
Grandparents: Larry & Karen Tucker
Mike & Marie Heath



Scout Monson
May 4, 1996
Parents: Steve & Stacy Monson
Grandparents: Larry & Karen Tucker
Mike & Marie Heath



Roxanne Lake
June 26, 1997
Parents: Kevin & Laura Lake
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Stevie Ray Hauskins
March 14, 1994
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& Ray Hauskins
Grandparents: Bill & Roberta Yvonne Miller
Carmen Moore



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July 7, 1993
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Tricia Huddleston
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September 1, 1996
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Cynthia Ray Gartner
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Margaret & Dave Hartmann



Tyson Gianchetta
March 29, 1995
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October 17, 1995
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Grandparents: Ginny Brown



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November 3, 1997
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Grandparents: Ernie Joyce McBride
Pamela Jern Nasura



Leah Michelle Stouder
June 1, 1997
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Grandparents: Bill & Charlene Stouder



Clayton T. Smith
October 28, 1988
Parents: Ruth A. Smith
Sister: Charly Wae



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May 23, 1995
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Grandparents: Norma Jones



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March 18, 1995
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Grandparents: Sandie Day
Sigurd & Sherry Ellinger



Brennan Hans VanderMeer
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Bailee Rose
June 18, 1997
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Great-Grandparents: Liz Remer



Ethan K. Stopfer
August 6, 1997
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Ken & Lorrena Raiger



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July 27, 1994
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Brice Avery Wojcik
July 30, 1995
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"Spud" Wiggins
June 24, 1997
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Lars Lynn Langdon
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McKain Raymond Astin Jones
July 6, 1993
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Grandparents: Mac & Phillipa Alina



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Andy & Teresa Cox



Schuyler Diedrik Enneman
June 14, 1997
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Jordan Alexandra LaMont
September 8, 1996
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Haylee Lynne Leazer
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WHEN ASIAN CRISIS HITS HOME

Drop in value of currency could cost U.S. 1 million jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Asian currency crisis could cost the U.S. trade deficit to skyrocket by \$100 billion or more over the next two years with a resulting loss of more than 1 million jobs, estimates a labor-backed think tank.

The Economic Policy Institute said last week that California, New York, Texas and North Carolina would be the hardest hit, but all 50 states would suffer job losses as plunging Asian currencies make products from those countries cheaper in the United States.

"The recent collapse of Asian currencies and financial markets will have severe economic consequences for the United States," the institute said. "A slowdown or shrinkage in domestic demand in the Asian nations affected by

State-by-state

State-by-state list of job losses that the Economic Policy Institute estimates would occur as a result of a \$100 billion increase in the trade deficit with no offsetting policy changes from the Federal Reserve.

Del.	2,500	N.J.	26,900
D.C.	7,718	N.M.	1,171
Fla.	35,722	N.Y.	83,555
Ga.	28,947	N.C.	80,063
Hawaii	2,148	N.D.	3,865
Idaho	8,448	Ohio	42,919
Ill.	48,154	Ore.	10,251
Ind.	32,083	Pa.	47,751
Iowa	12,216	R.I.	1,269
Kan.	8,932	S.C.	19,349
La.	17,038	S.D.	4,346
Me.	8,928	Tenn.	29,940
Mich.	10,560	Texas	65,024
Minn.	33,480	Utah	7,674
Miss.	18,482	Va.	22,214
Mont.	27,448	Wash.	18,028
Nebr.	12,407	W.Va.	4,373
Nev.	22,035	Wis.	25,242
N.H.	1,999	Wyo.	1,191
N.M.	1,171		
N.Y.	83,555		
N.C.	80,063		
N.D.	3,865		
Ohio	42,919		
Ore.	10,251		
Pa.	47,751		
R.I.	1,269		
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the crisis will force them to export their way out of their problems."

The U.S. deficit in merchandise trade, running close to \$200 billion in 1997, could increase by

\$100 billion to \$200 billion over the next two years with a resulting loss in jobs of between 1.1 million and 2.1 million, according to the study, "American Jobs and the Asian Crisis."

The institute said that while the adverse unemployment effects from a swelling trade deficit could be offset by aggressive interest rate reductions by the Federal Reserve, it was not certain the central bank would act quickly enough.

"There is going to be serious harm here, no matter how well and how quickly the Fed reacts," said EPI President Jeff Faux.

Other private economic forecasts have also singled out a rising trade deficit as the biggest negative impact the Asian crisis is likely to have on the U.S. economy.

Some consumers, firms could benefit

NEW YORK (AP) — General Motors is gearing up to move into Indonesia in a big way. Hewlett-Packard is talking to suppliers about using more Asian-made components in its high-tech goods. And Dell Computer is trimming the price of a popular computer.

The Asian financial turbulence, which has buffeted the currency and stock markets of far-flung economies, may offer unexpected opportunities and benefits to American consumers and companies.

"The economic crisis in Asia has a silver lining," said Greg Mastel of the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington.

Companies making goods in Asia to sell elsewhere may see sales soar, because with the region's currencies tumbling, products manufactured there will cost less. Imported goods will be cheaper, which will help keep inflation cool. And with inflationary pressures subsiding, interest rates should remain low.

Other opportunities also may emerge from the gloom.

Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea, in exchange for multibillion-dollar rescue packages from international donors, must revalue their economies. Trade barriers are likely to be torn down, allowing outsiders into their lucrative steel, auto and financial sectors.

The crisis provides "a historic opportunity for the United States to convince troublesome Asian trading partners to change their ways," said Mastel.

How companies are eager to gain a larger foothold in populous Asia with the expected easing of trade and other restrictions on foreigners.

advantages offered by the crisis. "Then, there will be kind of a backlash against us. There is a simmering view that we welcome and gloat in it ... without a realization of the tremendous dangers."

To be sure, the financial turmoil that has swept through Asia since the summer poses great risks not only for that region but for the global economy as well.

A weak Asia, including Japan, the world's second-largest economy, could stifle economic growth in America, and that could lead to job losses, maybe even corporate closures.

Wall Street already has been rattled by fears Asia's woes will hurt profits of American companies.

Still, in the new global economy of increasingly interlinked — and highly competitive — industries and financial systems, there seems to be an upside for some to any downsiding by others.

Dell Computer attracted notice recently by clipping about 15 percent off the price of a popular computer, thanks to unexpectedly fast drops in prices for Asian-made components.

Hewlett-Packard, which makes personal computers, printers and medical devices, says it's talking to suppliers about boosting the Asian-made content of its machines, from monitor tubes to memory chips.

The aim is to "pass some of those cost savings on to HP customers around the globe," said Hewlett-Packard spokesman Brad Whitworth.

Other companies are eager to gain a larger foothold in populous Asia with the expected easing of trade and other restrictions on foreigners.

How the troubles have spread across the Orient

The Washington Post

China

So far, China has avoided most of the fallout from the recent Asian, in part because it hasn't liberalized its economy nearly as much as its neighbors. Its foreign reserves are huge, its trade surplus rising and its currency under tight control.

But beneath this calm economic exterior, China's economy suffers from many of the same problems as the Tigers. Many of its banks are lobbied by bad loans to state-owned firms that still retain the transition to a market system and are effectively bankrupt. Foreign trade and investment are still tightly regulated. Real estate overbuilding is rampant in cities such as Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Hong Kong

Hong Kong's solid-gold reputation — as a well-run, well-regulated financial center with a currency strong enough to withstand any speculative assault — has been shaken lately.

International credit-rating agencies announced that they had put the city's foreign currency bonds on review for possible downgrading. And the city's biggest investment bank, Peregrine Investment Holdings Ltd., has been forced to close its doors as a result of risky lending, primarily in Indonesia and China. Real estate prices, which had been among the highest in the world, have begun to fall. And tourism, an economic mainstay, has fallen sharply since the hoplitis over the Chinese takeover in July.

Indonesia

After calls from the leaders of the United States, Germany, Japan and Singapore, and visits from the top two officials of the IMF and the treasury, President Suharto on Thursday renewed his commitment to a package of economic reforms negotiated last October as part of a \$4-billion international rescue.

But buyers that the agreement would calm the country evaporated on Friday amid reports that there were riots in a number of cities on the island of Java as a result of rising food prices. The rupiah fell on the news while opposition leaders renewed their call for Suharto to step down after 32 years in power.

The problems of Indonesia — a vast country splintered among many ethnic groups — are as much political as financial, many analysts believe. Nepotism and crony capitalism also are huge problems.

What happened, anyway?

The basic story of the Asian bubble economies varied only slightly from country to country. Foreign investment — lured by high returns, stable government and currencies pegged tightly to the dollar — began pouring in during the early '90s. The foreign money financed factories and power plants, skyscrapers and airports for a booming export economy. Wages rose and a middle class emerged with a taste for the finer things, most of them imported. Success beget success — and then overbuilding, overlevering, overconsumption.

The first signs of serious trouble appeared when the supercharged Thai economy began to slow last spring, triggering a speculative run against the baht by currency traders hoping to profit from a devaluation. In a vain attempt to defend its currency, the Thai central bank depleted its reserves of foreign currency. When the devaluation finally came in July, foreign investors fled — breaking the speculative cycle. The Thai crisis was like a pinprick, bursting bubbles across Asia. Stock prices fell, real estate prices plummeted, local currencies went into free falls. Banks and corporations, which had borrowed heavily in dollars, yen and marks, found they could not repay. In one country after another, foreign investors came to realize that what was true in Thailand was true in many of the other Asian Tigers. Weak banks in one country called in loans elsewhere, causing the contagion to spread even faster.

Just as Japan provided the model for the Asian economic miracle, so it, too, has led the way down. Its economy has hovered near recession ever since the speculative stock market and real estate bubble burst in 1990.

Repeated rounds of government public works spending have failed to revive economic growth.

And while the Bank of Japan has pushed interest rates below 1 percent, Japanese banks are so hobbled by bad real estate loans that they are simply unwilling to make many new loans.

The recent fall of the yen has allowed export industries to remain competitive despite shrinking markets throughout Asia.

But most of Japan's big problems lie in its huge service economy, where inefficiency is built in through a tight web of government regulations, subsidies, trade barriers and old-fashioned customs duties. Recently, the government proposed yet another economic reform package that included a tax cut designed to spur consumer spending and a modest start at closing inefficient banks while relieving others of their bad debts.

South Korea

Despite a \$57 billion IMF rescue plan, South Korea veered in December toward default — facing a second, emergency bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and international bankers.

The banks tentatively agreed to roll over short-term Korean debts, in exchange for long-term government bonds. Some foreign investors already have concluded that Korean currency and stocks are now bargain-basement.

The newly elected leftist government of Kim Dae-jung has embraced the terms of the IMF's bailout package.

Thailand

Thailand's currency and stock markets have continued to fall despite an IMF-imposed squeeze that has forced rising unemployment, high interest rates and corporate bankruptcies. In Bangkok, the sense of excitement and stylish excess that marked the 1990 years — private jets, fancy clothes, fast cars, flashy jewels — has given way to a pervasive sense of gloom. Shiny new office buildings sit half empty while storefronts in once-fashionable sections now sport signs begging for customers or new tenants.

Thailand has vigorously adhered to a program worked out in June with the IMF, cutting its budget by 19 percent and increasing the value added tax from 7 percent to 10 percent. Insolvent banks and financial companies have been closed and foreign investors for the first time are allowed to invest in the financial sector.

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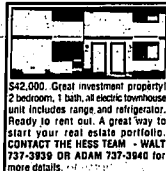
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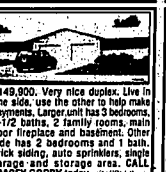
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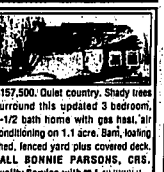
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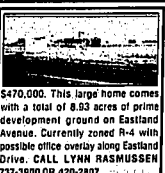
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A non-fan's guide to football odds

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• What's a line? A line is a handicap, representing how much better one team is than the other, or a prediction of how much a team will win by a game. Actually, it represents less of what the oddsmaker thinks the outcome of the game will be than how he thinks people will bet on the game.

If Green Bay is plus-10 over the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl, that means the Packers are favorites, so they are "giving" 10 points and the Broncos are "getting" 10 points.

So? That means that if you bet on the Packers, you'd better hope they win by *more* than 10 points or you won't win your bet. If you bet on the Broncos, you'll win the bet if Denver wins the game outright or loses to the Packers by less than 10 points. If Green Bay wins by exactly 10 points, all bets are off and you get your money back. A tie is referred to a "push" in betting.

• Who makes the line, anyway? It comes from Las Vegas and a man named Michael Roxborough. Roxborough has one goal — to know what they're going to think before you do, and the accomplishes that more than



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he fails. Once a line is set, it's sometimes exposed to a small group of privileged professionals to bet on before the public ever gets to see it. This "test" tells the line makers if the line needs adjustment.

Through the course of the past week, Nevada casinos and betting parlors monitor the money being wagered on the Packers and the Broncos, and then adjust the line in order to entice bettors to wager on the other side. Among other things, that dissuades folks wagering on the favorite — Green Bay in this case — from putting down any more money, and this protects to even out betting parlors from heavy losses.

• What's a pool? Betting on who wins and who loses in the game, how much isn't enough for a lot

of folks (and it's downright dull in games in which one team, as Green Bay will be today, is a heavy favorite). So pools allow bettors to wager on the game within game.

Betting on the scores at the end of each quarter is a popular pool system. Participants put a buck — or five, or 10 — into the kitty and draw lots, usually slips of paper with numbers written on them. If, for example, you draw 4 and the score at the end of the first quarter is Packers 14-0, then you'd win the first-quarter pool because the last digit for 14 plus 0 equals 4. Typically you'd get up to one-fourth of all the money in the pool (there will also be winners at halftime, at the end of the third quarter and after the game is over, although in some pool systems, the final game score counts for more than any other score).

There are literally thousands of permutations to pools, and they don't always involve just one game.

Pools that handicap the NFL playoffs or the NCAA basketball tournament are popular, with bettors wagering on which teams will make it to the championship game and which will win the overall championship.

— Sources: *Sports Illustrated*, with staff reports

Football

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sports that will help you become more balanced in your own life.

You may even learn to like the sport: One American woman in three now describes herself as a football fan, according to the NFL.

"Before making a judgment on football's inherent worth, take a

few moments to sit and watch a game," Burns said.

You'll see that there is more to the game than men running around trying to kill each other.

Thus far, there has been nothing for women in the football culture — nothing acknowledging them or welcoming them," Jenkins said. "But let's face it,

The Modern Women likes an emotionally gripping catharsis just as much as the next guy.

"She's just a little more circumspect about it, that's all."

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Arthritis

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Jensen and arthritis have been steady companions since she graduated from high school. Back then, she began noticing morning stiffness and swelling in her hands.

Now she's on several medications, moderate exercise and yoga. She said her pain is very well controlled.

"We particularly encourage them to be active in a passive range of motion," said Dr. Donald Pica, a Twin Falls rheumatologist. "We try to maintain as much mobility and as much function in the joint that we can."

Moberg also has rheumatoid arthritis, which came on suddenly in 1987. With medication and care about avoiding too much exertion, his symptoms have receded.

He said he enjoys listening to the professional sports and the arthritis support group meetings, and that the camaraderie of fellow arthritis sufferers is also important.

Lehrsch, 42, of Twin Falls, said she too likes hearing from the professionals who share useful information.

"Some of them have talked about medication have been helpful," she said. "Just knowing what's available out there and which ones interact with other ones — I can

Get some support

For more information about the local arthritis support group, call Becky Jensen at 733-2050. It meets at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2.



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pass questions on to my doctor."

Lehrsch has osteoarthritis in her fingers and psoriatic arthritis (that's similar to rheumatoid arthritis, except psoriasis — a chronic inflammation of the skin with redness and scaling and plaque formation — accompanies it.)

Pica explained that some folks with psoriasis develop arthritis associated with it. It affects the large and smaller joints of the upper and lower extremities, and sometimes the sacroiliac joint in the lower spine.

Lehrsch said her arthritis probably started in her teen years when she experienced occasional hip joint pain. It stopped altogether after a while.

"The psoriasis didn't show up until she was in her thirties, when the arthritis came back full force. It now affects most of her joints."

She treats this with anti-inflammatory medications and does stretching exercises to retain range of motion.

Lehrsch has been a member of the arthritis support group almost from its inception.

"I think a lot of it depends on where they are in their arthritis," she said. "If they're doing real well I think a lot of times they don't come, but I think if it's really bad and they're having a big flare-up, they come."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bush can be reached at 733-0830.

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Apply some imagination I

If your high school senior's college application essay begins "I have been a member of the band, and it has taught me leadership, perseverance and hard work," tell him or her to throw it away and start over. College admissions officers say they're sick of reading "NICE essays."

The Washington Post reports. Far better are essays that are specific,

passionate and true to life. Said one admissions officer: "A blah or OK essay ... can make the difference between getting in or being put on the wait list."

Apply some Imagination II

If you applied to the University of Chicago this year, the essay topic was anything but blah. The hallowed bastion of Nobel Prize winners asked applicants to

concoct a conspiracy theory around reports that Elvis Presley is alive. "For years we thought the mark of a U of C student was to be able to make quirky connections, take an idea and run with it," academic adviser Joseph Walsh explains. "The common attribute of real genius and real crackpot is the ability to find improbable connections."

— Compiled from wire reports

Review

Continued from F1

White plays a foul-mouthed nazi, bloody violence, sexual situations, ridiculous plot, weak script. Decent special effects and music are overwhelmed by the corny acting and dialogue. The movie isn't about the incredible flood that destroys a town so much as it is about the men in the town who destroy one another.

Offensive language: Lots of it. Ser: A man attempts to rape a woman handcuffed to a stair rail, but she escapes; no nudity.

Violence: A high body count with gruesome deaths by electrocution, stabbing and shootings. Ironically, the flood doesn't kill as many people as other people do.

Parental advisory: This is a movie about bad guys chasing good guys for a lot of money during a flood. It's definitely not for children, but I'd say it's not really for adults, either.

Entertainment value: C
• "Firestorm" (R) Best for ages: Mature teens and adults.

Where's it playing: Twin Cinema.

What it's about: A imprisoned murderer (William Forsythe) plans an elaborate escape that involves a forest fire. When he gets assigned to the prison work crew fighting the fire, he escapes, captures a hostage (Suzy Amig) and heads for freedom. Just in time to stop him is firefighter Jesse Graves (former football star Howie Long).

The good: The firefighters, and a great opening showing the rescue of a little boy from a burning house.

The not-so-good: The plot is interesting, but the script and dialogue are weak — more like a B movie. This is one of those films that's too adult for kids and too childish for adults.

Offensive language: Lots of it

Sex: Sexual dialogue about a prisoner who raped women, but no sexual situations.

Violence: Several shooting deaths; deaths by hatchet; a man is pushed over a cliff; another is shot in the head; several are burned.

Parental advisory: Because of Long's football reputation, younger kids and teens may want to see movie. The acting is laughable, but the violence is not. I don't recommend this movie for younger children.

Entertainment value: D

• "The Boxer" (R) Best for ages: Adults

Where's it playing: Ski Time 4 Cinema of Ketchum.

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war with locals who don't approve of their relationship. Brian Cox plays Maggie's father.

The good: Lewis and Watson play it real and romantic in this drama. The war-torn Irish towns are bleak and ripe for a story focused more on love, desire to change a neighborhood and a religious way of thinking than the political rule that oppresses them.

The not-so-good: Language, violence, fight sequences that are brutal, and several killings.

Offensive language: Lots of it.

Sex: One situation that's suggestive and involves a boy secretly seeing them together.

Violence: High body count, with people being shot execution-style and brutal fight scenes where a man's face is beaten to a bloody pulp.

Parental advisory: This is an adult-only movie that most kids would be bored by if it weren't that there's a young boy involved in the story. If adults can handle the heavy drama, it's a well-acted, well-scripted story.

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Confessions

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Not me, I figure, if something is wrong with the meal, that's Pizza Hut's problem.

I know a woman who won't allow any flower-pots in her house, because they have dirt in them.

I'm advising her to have a hobby.

—Then she will become more like the woman who typed the church bulletin that read, "Thursday night — potluck supper — prayer and meditation to follow."

Some people even say that being a perfectionist in school

doesn't help you all that much. Especially after you get out in the real world.

It's like the quote I read in Vogue magazine, I don't remember who said it, but it was probably someone fighting perfectionist tendencies.

The quote went something like this: "The reason it's so hard to excel is that people who get A's in school stay there and the B's go to offices to work for the C's."

I've been out of school a long time.

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The blizzard raged, the snow piled up, the trees were glazed with ice.

In their home, a mining-company house built in the late 1800s, Liz and Onie tried to comfort each other in the loneliness and isolation of their small town, Laurium, in Michigan's remote Upper Peninsula.

Liz, in a wheelchair, had terminal cancer. Onie, a miner and a carpenter until retirement, didn't know how he could go on without her. Their two children lived far away, as did most of the younger generation in a region where almost one-fourth of the population is older than 60, a region with the highest poverty level in the state.

Sadness hung heavy on Liz and Onie. Then — a knock on the door. Two snow-covered strangers from nearby Hancock, Mike Aton and his wife, Catherine, bore flowers and a home-cooked, five-course meal with fresh ham and home-baked bread and pie.

Liz and Onie had fallen to dine with, talk to, folks to listen as they reminisced in their cozy living room about their early days, their fears, their joys.

That's why Mike and Cathy



AGING
Lucille S.
deVivo

had fought their way through the snowstorm — bring cheer and visit on behalf of the Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly, an international nonprofit, non-sectarian organization based in Chicago, with chapters in four major cities and rural Hancock.

"Flowers before bread" is our motto," Mike explains. "We have an ongoing meal program, but we also believe the elderly should enjoy the special things that make life worthwhile — flowers, parties, entertainment, visits. When we give a dinner, we do it up right, with tablecloths, china, and nonalcoholic champagne."

Mike first learned of the Brothers when he was a senior in high school in Lansing, Mich. "I was impressed with this group founded in France after World War II, so I went to Chicago that Christmas to volunteer."

He kept volunteering until he realized that's what he wanted to do with his life. After getting a degree in community development, he became a full-time Little Brother administrator. "My heart was in rural America," he says, "so I did a study that led to the opening of the Hancock office 15 years ago."

The 900 copper-country volunteers, supported by funds raised primarily in the community, hold winter picnics, holiday celebrations, summer galas. They regularly visit 120 people who have no family support. The Atons often take their children — Hannah, 7, and Ethan, 6 — to augment the feeling of a family dropping by.

Flowers before bread. It's more than a slogan. (The national headquarters of Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly is 1603 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 502, Chicago, Ill. 60616. Phone (312) 786-0501.)

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Locks not a challenge for thieves

DEAR ABBY: My wife locked her purse in the trunk of her car at the shopping mall before she went inside to walk around with a friend. When she was ready to leave, she opened the trunk to get her purse. It was gone! Both the car and the trunk had been locked, but a thief had opened her locked car and used the release lever to open the trunk.

She never locked the trunk release lever because it was so handy to use. (It was handy for the thief, too.)

Not only were her purse and its contents missing, so was the garage door opener she always left clipped to the visor. However, my wife didn't need it when she arrived home — because the thief had left the garage door open for her. Our house had also been pilfered!

Many people leave the garage door opener clipped to the visor. It's so convenient. Since my wife



DEAR
ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

had her keys with her, the thief did not get them, but he gained access to the house through the garage. (The thief got our address from the license registration in the glove compartment.) He parked in our garage, closed the door and loaded the stolen items.

Several lessons can be learned from this incident: Carry your garage door opener with you as if it were the key to your front door, and install a deadbolt lock between the garage and living area. Do not leave the trunk lever unlocked, and if you are going to put

your purse in the trunk, do it before you get to the shopping mall.

The scariest thing about the incident is that the thief or thieves could still have been in the house when my wife returned.

Please don't use my name. This is a sensitive issue because I had told my wife many times to carry the garage door opener with her, and I should have had the deadbolt installed sooner.

POORER AND WISER
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DEAR POORER AND WISER: Your wife learned a very expensive lesson — but it could have been far worse. Thank you for reminding my readers that the interior of their cars is vulnerable if a thief is serious about breaking in, and that a garage door opener in the wrong hands is as good as an "open sesame" for all Baba and the 40 thieves.

SOCIAL SECURITY Q&A

Knightrider News Service

Q. I heard Social Security has a new "kids' page" on the Internet. Can you tell me a little about it and give me the Internet address?

A. Social Security has expanded its "Social Security Online" Internet web site to include pages designed especially for young people in their teens. The web presentation includes informational and educational materials suitable for grades kindergarten through six

grade ("Social Security Kids Stuff") and grades seven through 12 ("Hot Questions for Cool Teens"). The pages also include sections for parents and teachers. The website address is <http://www.ssa.gov/kids>.

Q. I'm 65 years old and have Medicare hospital and medical insurance. How much will I have to pay in medical expenses before Medicare will start paying?

A. In 1998, after you have met the Medicare hospital insurance (Part A) deductible of \$74 and \$100 medical insurance (Part B)

deductible, Medicare will begin paying its portion of the approved charges of your hospital and doctor bills.

Q. What's the average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired worker?

A. In 1998, the average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired individual is \$763.

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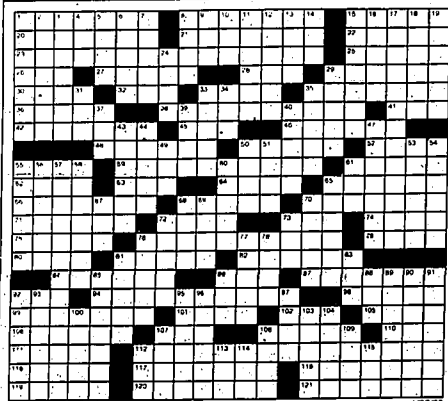
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By Susan Delgado,
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Put the burden of dressing for school on your child's shoulders



PARENTING
John Rosmond

Q. Our 7-year-old daughter won't dress herself on school mornings. After we wake her up, Amanda goes into a "limp dislump" routine. I usually dress her while her daddy fixes her breakfast. This has been going on since kindergarten. I know you're going to tell us to stop doing this, but we both work, and we can't just leave her home alone. Help. A. Actually, I'm not going to tell you to stop dressing Amanda on school mornings. As you already realize, if you simply stop, she will still be in her pajamas when it's time for you to leave the house.

That would present two options: You could either (a) take her and a set of suitable clothes to school and deposit both in the principal's office, or (b) go to work, leaving her at home alone. If you choose (b), you'll end up charged with child neglect, and Amanda will spend time in foster care while you're "rehabilitated." Don't go there.

Packing her and her clothes in the car and setting off for school isn't a bad idea. The likelihood is, the thought of having to get out of the car in her pajamas with the world watching will result in Amanda being miraculously clothed by the time you turn into the school grounds.

"On the other hand, she may not care. In that case, you'll have to leave her in the principal's office where she'll get a lot of attention — which she may enjoy — and the

problem will simply be transferred to the school secretary or the school nurse or whoever's available for such duty in the morning. Because there's no way of knowing how Amanda's going to respond to this, I wouldn't even try it.

As you might imagine, you're not the first parents to present me with this problem. In my experience, the "patient" usually is female and a disproportionate number are only children.

Not cooperating in getting dressed positions the child at the center of attention in the family from the moment the day begins. But I'm not suggesting that Amanda be able to cause turmoil on school mornings, the problem will continue. Eventually, a new problem will take its place.

As it stands, Amanda orchestrates the soap opera and you pay the price, in terms of both emotional stress and inconvenience. You need to assign the "cost" of this problem to Amanda.

From now on, wake her up and give her a reasonable amount of time to get dressed, during which you do nothing either to help or prevent her. You might even set a timer. If she's not completely dressed when her time's up, go ahead and dress her, and do so in a relaxed "devil may care" manner.

The rule: If you have to help her get dressed to leave the house on time, Amanda has no after-school privileges. She can't go out, have a friend over or watch television, and (5) she has to go to bed one hour early because she's obviously not getting enough sleep (or so you tell her).

Lost privileges should include after-school activities that are purely recreational, such as soccer. If you have to help her get dressed more than two mornings in a school week, she loses all privileges on the weekend as well.

Your attitude must be, "We don't care if you dress yourself in the morning or not. If you're willing to do without your privileges, we're willing to dress you." This puts the problem squarely on Amanda's shoulders.

A combination of nonchalance and consistency should turn things around within a couple of weeks.

John Rosmond is a family psychologist in North Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at P.O. Box 4124, Gastonia, NC 28054 and at <http://www.rosmond.com/parenting> on the Internet's World Wide Web.

If you want your kids to have more self esteem, make them work for it



Your kids

A poster in an elementary school entrance announces: "We applaud ourselves."

High school teachers are pressured not to fail a student because it might damage the child's self-esteem.

Administrators at a middle school rally encourage students to stand up and talk about how much they like themselves. "I am a confident, builder or pop psychology run amok? Ever more than a decade of unquestioned acceptance in schools and homes across the country, the self-esteem movement is under fire.

No one doubts the importance of developing self-esteem in children. But teachers and parents critical of the movement argue that the road to high self-esteem should be paved with hard work not empty praise.

And they blame the movement for helping to create a generation of children addicted to praise for mediocre performance.

"Educators have been pressured to provide a feel-good-everything-is-wonderful approach to children. The result is if you don't get that instant feedback you feel very let down," said Margie Greene, a psychologist at the Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn. "It's almost like being on a drug."

School administrators acknowledge that there have been mistakes.

"These movements come on the scene and then they are interpreted, used well and not so well," said Tom Murphy, spokesman for the Connecticut Department of Education. "We cannot forsake standards for the sake of self-esteem. Everyone does well if they make the effort is certainly not at the heart of it."

But Murphy said he believes that critics who would do away

with all self-esteem programs are going too far.

"To say it's a total solution or poison, either way, it's not," he said.

Nowhere is division more clear than in the classroom, where many teachers are critical of the movement while administrators support it.

"We have people who call the child and say, 'He always acts just like his father.' You'll never do anything in life. We try to eliminate all these comments," said Irvin Goodrich, principal of Burns School in Hartford, who supports programs designed to build self-esteem in children.

Some teachers, however, complain that too often low self-esteem is used as an excuse for bad behavior.

Maine, director of eating disorders at the Institute of Living said feel-good, self-esteem programs do not prepare children for real life.

"You get self-esteem not from being told you're wonderful, but by being able to do things," Maine said. "Self-esteem is built by being able to fail as well as succeed."

And Maine sees a relationship between the self-esteem movement and the increasing number of girls with eating disorders.

"The fact is everything isn't great all the time. Your best friend turns on you, there are deaths and losses, divorce. You don't have the skills to deal with that because you've been protected all the time," she said.

Jack Blessington, a former school administrator from Greenwich, Conn., often lectures

parents about the value of doing less for their children.

The way to build self-esteem in children is to put them to work, he said.

"Labor is the great normalizer for children. That includes writing, cleaning, mowing, sitting out there in Kansas, it might be nice for her to get a letter. ... Nobody over the age of 5 should have anybody make a sandwich for them. Who sets the table? Who loads and unloads the dishwasher? The fact that a 15-year-old walked the dog doesn't impress me."

"Highly serviced children don't do very well. If we give children everything out of our affluence and love but do not have them participate in family labor, we cheat them out of their sense of place in the community, he said.

—Source: The Hartford Courant



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Man's Babar collection becomes the subject of scholarly research

Knight-Ridder News Service

KENT, Ohio — He was a man estranged from family whose companions were two dogs he adored. In his letters to the woman with whom he corresponded for more than 10 years, it was obvious that he idealized children, as perhaps only a bachelor could.

So it seems natural that John L. Boonshaft, a solitary man, would be drawn to collecting the artifacts surrounding the popular children's series, Babar the elephant king.

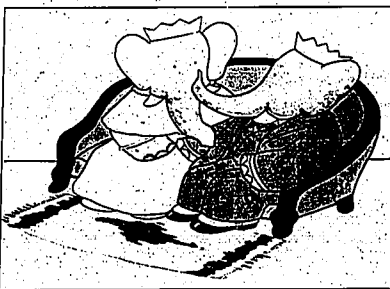
"After all, the Babar stories, born from Jean de Brunhoff's pen in 1931, are legendary for their emphasis on family ties, outward courtesy and timeless civility."

Even after Jean's death in 1937, the Babar series was continued by his son Laurent. Legend has it that the inspiration for the first Babar story came from Jean's wife, in a story she made up to soothe a sick child.

So the reasons for Boonshaft, who lived in Las Vegas at the time of his death in August 1997, bequeathing his collection of 3,600 Babar-related items to Kent State University's Special Collections, have something to do with family ties.

The main impetus for his generous gift, the collection is valued at least \$200,000 — was his long correspondence with Ann McInzine Hildebrand, a Kent State English professor who is a Babar scholar.

But there was a secondary reason for picking Kent over some



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other library — Boonshaft's grandparents were from the Dayton area.

By the time of his death at age 47, Boonshaft had built up an astounding collection. The Babar books alone total 1,277. There are 70 records and audio cassettes. There are 110 Babar toys, including a 3-foot-tall marionette valued at \$2,200.

Best of all are the 62 pick animals, including one distinguished-looking 6-foot-tall Babar dressed in his green three-piece suit. This Babar used to be a display model at the F.A.O. Schwartz store in New York City.

Boonshaft's will paid all the shipping and handling costs. There is also a \$25,000 endowment that comes with the collection.

Jeanne Somers, curator of

Kent's Special Collections, hopes to have the entire collection sorted and open to the public by the fall of 1998.

Apart from its obvious fascination for children, the collection will also serve scholarly and research purposes.

For instance, students of business and marketing will benefit from studying how the Babar name and figure has been successfully marketed, Hildebrand says.

Hildebrand, author of 1991's "Jean and Laurent de Brunhoff: The Legacy of Babar," first became familiar with the Babar stories in the 1970s.

"I saw these books as books of courtesy, behavior, how a family should be, how children can be loved but also disciplined," she says.

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Eden center serves
seniors, area residents

Theresa Hanson, cook at the Silver and Gold Senior Citizens Center in Eden, begins preparations for another meal at the center. Last year, the center served over 8,000 meals.



Jan Crumline shows a portion of the Landing Library at the Eden Senior Citizens Center. The library has been built by book donations from community members and now contains over 6,000 books. Anyone is welcome to borrow a book. The library is open during center hours, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to noon on Friday.

EAGLE SCOUT



Matt Blakeslee, center, receives his Eagle Scout award and congratulations from his parents, Alma and Robert Blakeslee. Matt is a member of Troop 21, sponsored by the Springdale LDS Ward and led by Bruce Brashers. His Eagle project was the construction of a metal, full-inning softball scoreboard for the Declo LDS Stake ballfield. Matt is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho.

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

Week of celebration set

MURTAUGH - The Murtaugh School District is celebrating Red Ribbon Week, Jan. 26-30, with several activities promoting a substance abuse-free lifestyle. Events kick off Monday with an assembly presented by Motivational Media. Elementary students will view "Sticks and Stones" about bullying behavior and conflict resolution. Middle and high school students will watch "Light the Torch," which focuses on making positive choices and developing personal responsibility in the face of many pressures. Teachers will use curriculum based on the presentations to follow up during the week.

On Tuesday, high school students will take a physical fitness field trip to the Burley Raquetball Club. A Red Ribbon Week "Parents and Patrons Night" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school library. A panel of guest speakers will discuss juvenile law, status offenses, the Drug Awareness Resistance Education and Gang Resistance Education and Training programs, and new laws regarding parental responsibilities. Detectives Ron Kirtland and Brent Hillard and Officers Kelly Harnie and Dan Thom will be available to answer questions. Ice cream will be served after the program.

The week's final activity will be a field trip to the Wellness Seminar at the College of Southern Idaho for the girls' physical education classes.

Red Ribbon Week is planned by the Murtaugh Safe and Drug-Free Schools Task Force. Members are Revis Turner, coordinator; Trish Brown, Jennifer Crutch, DeAnn Bell, Vonnice Adams, Sue Hewitth, Gary Birch, Sandy Stever, Vicci Archer, Sgt. Sam Gibbs and Detective Ron Kirtland.

Support group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the reception area of the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center.

A roundtable discussion is planned. For more information, call Char Basile-Davis at 737-2800 or Jody Tremblay at 733-3700, Ext. 344.

I want your news

If I'm news to you, I want to hear about it. I'm April Crutch (Lewicki), the community editor at The Times-News. It is my job to fill this page with news about:

- Community meetings
- Celebrations
- Social events
- Resolutions
- Individual achievements
- Your kids and their activities.

I will also want to publicize your group's special events in the life of the community that are important to our readers. Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor April Crutch, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 733-0251, Ext. 258.

You can reach me by fax at 734-5538. You can also email me at twincv@mtcnet.net. Deadlines for the Sunday page is noon Wednesday. Deadlines for the Tuesday page is noon Monday. Deadlines for the Wednesday page is noon Tuesday. Deadlines for the Saturday page is noon Friday.

Magicians work tricks

TWIN FALLS - Halfner's Cards & Coins is hosting games of Magic the Gathering, a sanction-type card game, from 5 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday at the shop, 336 Fourth Ave. W.

"Magic is played in an arena format. The public is invited. For more information, call John at 423-4776 or come by the store.

Striders elect leaders

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Striders will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Annual elections will be held. Plans for the next walk and Western Days will be discussed. Anyone interested is invited. Snake River Striders, a chapter of the American Volkssport Association, was started in the Magic Valley in the spring of 1997. The purpose is "to promote and assist, in the health, education, physical fitness and recreational activities of the general public and to encourage participation by family groups in Volkssport activities." The SRS chapter meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November) on the second floor of the Taylor Building at CSI. Dues are \$12 a year for individuals and \$18 for families. Partial years can be prorated.

For more information, call C. Kay Riedl at 733-4917, Ext. H301 at 734-6258, Carol Robertson at 734-8349, Fran Best at 735-1197 or Rick Winder at 734-4471.

Discussion finds balance

FILED - The Filer Public Library will be hosting Idaho Let's Talk About It series, "Balancing Acts," at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the library. Sessions continue every other Tuesday through March 24. Women's roles and responsibilities undergo tremendous shifts in recent years, but not all women's experiences are the same and are influenced by such things as family, education, socioeconomic class and cultural background. Discussion during the series

will focus on how women balance pushes and pulls between society, family and self. "Balancing Acts" features three novels and two collections of stories written by women who have struggled with the question of what women's place in society should or could be.

Barbara Kingsolver's "The Bean Trees" opens the series. It is the story of a young woman who travels across country in search of a new life only to find it includes difficult responsibilities. The next two programs are "The Jailing of Cecilia Captive" by Janet Campbell Hale and Sandra Cisneros' "Woman Hollering Creek." The fourth program is "Housekeeping" by Marilyn Robinson, and the series ends with "Women of Brewster Place" by Gloria Naylor. Each program features group discussion.

Anyone interested is encouraged to sign up at the library and check out the first book. For more information, call Joan Holloway at 526-4143. The Idaho Let's Talk About It project is sponsored by the Idaho State Library. It helps more than 40 Idaho libraries present reading and discussion series for adults. Books are loaned from the state library.

Widowhood addressed

TWIN FALLS - Widowed Information and Consultation Services is sponsoring a series of meetings on coping with widowhood. Meetings will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 through March 18, at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging.

The eight-week series will provide information and support in dealing with the special problems of being a widow. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, call 736-2122.

Curriculum ideas shared

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Middle Level Association for District 4 will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the media center at O'Leary Junior High School.

Stu Scott will present the Keys Program (Quality Schools) from 6 to 7 p.m. Sharing and socializing will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

Those attending are asked to bring one idea or activity from their curriculum to share with others in the same area (30 copies, please).

Snacks and door prizes will be available. For more information, call Christi Thomsberry at 324-4134 during the day or 324-9120 in the evening.

Answers to be provided

TWIN FALLS - The Order of Eagles will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Magic Valley Bingo, 126 Second Ave. S.

A potluck dinner is planned; drinks will be provided by Magic Valley Bingo. Idaho State President Bob Condit will be available to answer questions.

For more information, call 736-1895.

Program exploration set

TWIN FALLS - A School-to-Work open house is planned for 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 113 of the Desert Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Find out more about the school-to-work program. Members of the STW's Local Partnership Council will be available for questions.

Dessert theatre planned

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Chapter of Delta Psi Omega, a national theater honor society, will present a dessert theatre at 8 p.m. Friday at the Eagle Hall activity center.

The students are producing the drama offerings and must will be original student writings. Admission for the show is free; but drinks and desserts will be sold to raise funds for student drama activities.

Participating students include Colter Hodge, Dusty Funder, Jennifer Harder, Jennifer Butters, Brad Campbell, Amy Chambers, Josh Mann, Sarah Bradshaw, Roman Lewis, Dale Laughlin, Troy Conner, Luke Meier, Jacelyn Whitman, Scott Glennon and Danielle Woods.

Class of '48 to reunite

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High

School Class of 1948 is planning its 50th class reunion for July 31 and Aug. 1 and 2.

The reunion committee is seeking information for the following class members: Kenneth Bishop, Margaret Brockert Borwin, James Davis, Thuma Gregory Johnston, Marjorie Harp, Jerry Harper, Wesley King, Louise Michael, Eugene Neff, Alvin Thompson, Delorus Turnbaugh Jones, Ronald Yeaman, Chris Jensen, Dean Albee, Elvin Bogar, Ruth Phillip Williams, Betty Christopherson Caldwell and Bob Foster.

Anyone who has information about any of these people is asked to write to Maggie Gandiga Neville, 390 Buchanan, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or Virginia Higgins Eldredge, 764 N. Walnut, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or call Muggie at 733-1205 or Virginia at 733-1735.

EVENTS
ELSEWHERE

Theater presents 'Eclipse'

HAILEY - Idaho Dance Theater, in cooperation with the College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Center, will be performing a part of the "Eclipse" series at 8 p.m. Friday at the Wood River High School auditorium.

The repertoire includes works by co-artistic directors Maria Hansen, Carl Rowe and Alfred Hansen. It is the company's goal to strive to present performances and residency experiences that will develop a new generation. In this spirit of dance, the company will be presenting an assembly especially for the students at the schools. Hilary Neely has also been working with local dancers who will be featured in the performance.

Cost is \$20 for reserve patrons; \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets are available at Read All About It Bookstore and the College of Southern Idaho in Hailey, Chapter One in Keelchim and Ex Libris in Sun Valley.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

BUHL
Breakfast: Juice served everyday.
Monday: Cereal and muffin
Tuesday: Breakfast burritos
Wednesday: Biscuits with gravy
Thursday: Doughnut
Friday: Cereal and cinnamon toast
Lunch:
Monday: Chicken and Swiss sandwich
Tuesday: Tuna fish sandwich
Wednesday: Chili with crackers
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Friday: Tacos

CASTLEFORD
Breakfast:
Monday: Doughnuts
Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Scones
Thursday: Breakfast McMuffin
Friday:
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar everyday.
Monday: Chicken burgers
Tuesday: French dip sandwich
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Burrito

FILED
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Cheeseburgers
Wednesday: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes
Thursday: Fajita salad

FRIDAY: Ham and cheese sandwiches
HAILEN
Breakfast:
Monday: Oatmeal
Tuesday: Egg muffins
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Doughnut
Lunch:
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Rib barbecue sandwich
Thursday: Vegetable soup
Friday: Nachos

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Roast turkey
Wednesday: Soft flour taco
Thursday: Soup and salad bar
Friday: Italian sausage pizza

KIMBERLY
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: At elementary school, main line menu is served each day; fifth grade will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays; fourth grade will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. At middle school and high school, choice of main line menu or chef salad each day.
Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Roast turkey
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Beef patty
Friday: Chili

MURTAUGH
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Chicken burgers
Wednesday: Burritos
Thursday: Turkey salad
Friday: Open menu

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Veggie soup and cheese
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Tuna sandwich

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast served everyday.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Egg, ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes with syrup
Friday: Cereal
Lunch:
Monday: Chili and crackers
Tuesday: Chicken patty on whole wheat bun

Wednesday: Dinosaurs ravioli
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Beef and bean burrito

TWIN FALLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.

Monday: Chili and crackers or baked potato with toppings
Tuesday: Chicken patty or pizza
Wednesday: Dinosaurs ravioli or lasagna, deli sandwich
Thursday: Chicken fried steak or pizza
Friday: Beef and bean burrito or garlic french bread

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.

VALLEY
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch:
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Soft shell taco
Wednesday: Pico de gallo
Thursday: Barbecue beef on a bun
Friday: Chicken noodle soup

What's for lunch?
School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

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A family wedding



Cynthia Lively is in the final stages of juggling the details for her wedding on Valentine's Day. Dress provided by Hart's Tux & Gowns.

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Inside this special bridal section

Second time around: Picking out the perfect bridal gift used to be easy — serving dishes, toasters, linens, all the things young newlyweds need to set up a proper household. But what do you buy for a couple, when both have been married before?

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Flower power: Today, the floral bouquet that is featured prominently in traditional ceremonies and wedding photos is as fragrant. But it is more fashion accessory than lucky charm.

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Showcase wedding: Guests are staying late and having fun at wedding receptions nowadays.

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Money, honey: It cost \$19,104, on average, last year to get married. Now are you ready for some money-saving tips?

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Jackie, oh! Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis first got married nearly 50 years ago. So guess whose look is back in demand?

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Section editor: Steve Crump

WEDDINGS

MEMBER OF THE WEDDING

How to get the nuptials you want and still stay friends with the relatives

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Most times, wedding plans come off without a hitch. But then again...

Like when Drizilla and Anastasia both had their hearts set on being maid of honor. But their being nasty stepsisters, one could hardly put them in such a place of honor.

Especially when your dear friend, who has loved you all these years, would be hurt if she were not named to the post.

So what to do with Drizilla and Nasty?

They certainly could not be trusted to act as your personal attendants — seeing that everything goes smoothly, comforting you, holding your bouquet during the ceremony and keeping the groom's ring until it is needed. These are not the step-sisters' best qualities.

Maybe they could be assigned a behind-the-scenes job, such as addressing the invitations.

"Make everybody feel as important as you can," advised Linda Nebeker at Hart's Tux & Gowns. "Try saying, 'I really need you to do this. I feel like I could ask you — there are no small jobs. It takes a whole group to make a successful wedding. Without your help, it would take a spoke out of the wheel.'"

"I try to do my best to be considerate of everybody else's feelings," bride-to-be Cynthia Lively said. "But it is my wedding."

When friends and relatives hinted that they wanted to play a part in Cynthia's wedding that were already assigned to somebody else, she pretended she just didn't get the hint.

"We had to say no," she said.

She did try to be democratic in her selection process, choosing from her family, trying to get at least one of each of her brother's children involved — to the tune of 12 nieces and nephews. She will be attended by six people, four of whom are her brother's kids.

Getting children involved in the wedding can be a nuptial knot too. Sure they're cute, but so are puppies — and not every puppy can be counted on to perform perfectly at a formal ceremony.

Children can be as charming as they can be frightened. They can balk, cry, or turn to stone at any moment. Although individual personalities carry a lot of weight, kids who are at least 6 years old usually handle the pressure better than younger ones, according to Debbie Miller, of The White House in Twin Falls.

"They're cute in pictures, but the bride should be realistic if the kids are going to be in the wedding," and sometimes they carry the



Diplomatically choosing among 12 nephews and nieces was a difficult task for Cynthia Lively.

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real ring on that pillow. "You don't want to trot down the aisle after the real ring in the middle of the ceremony."

It might be a good idea to let the best man hold the ring, Miller said. And if worse comes to worst, and the ringbearer freezes at the entrance, the ring could be handed off to the father of the bride who walks down the aisle.

Lively isn't nervous about the children who will take part in her wedding.

"Some are a little older," she said. "One niece is about eight, and she will keep an eye on the tiny ones."

Sombody wanted a too-young child involved in the wedding. "But she was only 3," Lively said. "She was too young, and we said no."

Your vision of a perfect wedding includes getting this parade of celebrants dressed up in your favorite colors of formal wear — that can be a problem.

Drizilla doesn't like pink and

"Planning a wedding is stressful on a good day."

— Vicki Harney,
Wedding & Rental Shop

Anastasia hates baby blue. Not to mention their male counterparts, who think dressing up means wearing a freshly laundered baseball cap.

The best way to wet down a wedding plan is to bring too many people to choose the attire, say the experts. You can have a plan in your head, but bring a mom, an aunt, a prospective mother-in-law, a sister or three, a few friends, and that plan is out the window.

"I've seen the bride come in, all planned," Miller said. "Somebody would cause a sink and everything would fall apart. The only time I've seen a lot of controversy is when she brings a lot of people. It's her wedding. Whatever the bride wants should be the choice."

"The more people, the harder it is," agreed Vicki Harney at the Wedding & Rental Shop in Twin Falls. "Planning a wedding is stressful on a good day."

The bride doesn't need to

Who pays?

- The bride and her family.
- The engagement party, if there is one.
- The invitations, announcements, enclosure cards, personal stationery and thank-you notes, including stamps for mailing.
- The wedding dress, veil and accessories.
- The bride's trousseau of clothes and linens.
- The bride's parents' wedding attire and the clothes required for family members still living at home.
- The groom's ring.
- A wedding gift for the bride couple.
- Gifts for all of the attendants.
- All hotel accommodations for your out-of-town attendants.

- All bridal consultant fees.
- All expenses of the ceremony, except for those specified as the groom's family expenses.
- Fees for all wedding participants.
- All expenses for the reception.
- Flowers, except for the bride's flowers, groom's boutonniere and those for his groomsmen, and corsages for the mothers and grandmothers.
- Bride's photograph taken before the ceremony.
- All photography and any recordings or videotaping of the ceremony or reception site.
- All charges for transporting the bride party to the wedding and from there to the reception site.
- All expenses involved in parking cars, security and traffic control.

- The groom and his family:
- Engagement and wedding rings for the couple.
- A wedding gift for the bride couple.
- The groom's parents' personal wedding attire and accessories.
- Gloves, ties and ascots for all men in the wedding party.
- Hotel accommodations for the groom's out-of-town groomsmen.
- Gifts for the best man and out-of-town groomsmen.
- The rehearsal dinner.
- Ceremony officiant's fees.
- Groom's boutonniere and those for his groomsmen, and corsages for the mothers and grandmothers.

— Source: "Wedding Etiquette for Second Marriages," by Jo Paolanton

please everybody, Harney said. She needs to go with what she and groom are most comfortable with.

Of course, if the attendants really look awful in that particular color or style, there are many alternatives. And today's bolder colors often look better on more people than the old pastels, Miller said.

Bring no more than two people whose opinion you trust when you choose the bridal party's attire.

"We try to suggest that they do something different with their makeup to compensate for the tones they normally don't wear," Nebeker said.

Remember that the dress is the bride's call, and she does want everyone to look good and be happy with her, she said.

"And, you know, I bet if you really don't want this dress afterwards, you could sell it to someone later."

One bride recently tried to take special precautions to make everyone look good, Miller said. Her matron of honor was expecting, and something special was chosen for her.

Too bad she didn't get to wear the dress, though she went into labor the night before the wedding and another good friend stood up for the bride the next day.

Gays always look nice in their tuxedos, Nebeker said. Often, the fellas are a little reluctant to give up the jeans and T-shirt, but they warm up to the idea.

"We got a tuxedo on them," she said. "Not just measure them. We start showing them different options — vests might be preferable over cummerbunds — and usually you get a little grin," when they see how nice they look.

They feel good about themselves, and the guys have made their own choices in accessories. But lose the white socks.

"We try to give them a complete look before they leave the store," Nebeker said. "I have black socks I will sell them. I will even give them the black socks if I have to."

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ENGAGEMENTS

WRIGHT-TERVEDY

CASTLEFORD - Brian Wright and Jody Greig of Vancouver, Wash., announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan K. Wright to Mark A. Tervedy, son of Ken and June Tervedy of Castleford.

Wright is a graduate of Fort Vancouver High School and attended Clark College, both in Vancouver. She also attended Boise State University. She is employed by Idaho Business Forms in Boise.

Tervedy is a graduate of Castleford High School and University of Idaho. He is a mechanical engineer for Micron Technology in Boise.



Mark Tervedy and Megan Wright
The wedding is planned for Saturday at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Boise.

MCCOY-NIXON-HARRISON

HEYBURN - Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McCoy of Pendleton, Ore., and May Cornell of Umatilla, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori McCoy-Nixon to Mark Harrison, son of H.A. and Jean Harrison of Heyburn.

McCoy-Nixon is a graduate of Oregon State University, College

of Veterinary Medicine. She is employed by the United States Department of Agriculture in Twin Falls.

Harrison attended the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. He is employed by Harrison Ranches in Heyburn.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 6.

MORRIS-THAEMERT

BUHL - Richard and Dorothy Morris of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Nanci Ann Morris to Randy Thaemert, son of Ron and Donnette Thaemert of Buhl.

Morris graduated from Buhl High School and is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Costco in Twin Falls.

Thaemert graduated from Buhl High School and Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie, Wyo. He is employed by Ox Arc in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 21.



Nanci Morris and Randy Thaemert

DANIELS-
FEATHERSTON

JEROME - James and Toni Daniels of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Daniels to Jerrod Featherston, son of Rick and Julie Featherston of Jerome and Penny and David Gulvan of Twin Falls.

Daniels is employed at Magic Valley Labs in Twin Falls.

Featherston is employed by ABC Seamless Siding in Jerome. The wedding is planned for Feb. 5.



Jerrod Featherston and Jennifer Daniels

LIVELY-BARRETT

TWIN FALLS - Jene and Phil Lively of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia L. Lively to Ken Barrett, son of Jodie Johnson and Kenyon Barrett of Rupert.

Lively is a graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Nelson's Building Supply in Twin Falls.

Barrett is a graduate of Minico High School and attended CSL. He is employed by Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 14.



Ken Barrett and Cynthia Lively

WALKER-DIXON

TWIN FALLS - Gary P. and Ardith Walker of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Rachelle Walker to Stephen F. Dixon, son of Gary V. and Marjorie Dixon of Twin Falls.

Walker is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Ricks College. She is currently a junior at Idaho State University and will attend the University of Utah in June in the cytotechnology program.

Dixon is also a graduate of TFHS and attended Ricks College. He is currently a senior at ISU, majoring in zoology. He served an LDS Mission in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 12 at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held



Stephen Dixon and Jill Walker
at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Harrison Stake Center in Twin Falls.

How about the significant others?

If friends are engaged and if you know their future mate or are looking forward to meeting them, and if they are willing to travel from out of town to attend your wedding, you may want to invite them both.

However, it's never mandatory to invite an escort or a date for each single friend on your guest list. You may want to mention that cost is a consideration, but most polite wedding

guests will not expect to be invited as a couple.

The best rule for invitations: Use your common sense.

What would work best in your personal life will be the most natural expression of who you are, and this should influence who you invite and how you go about doing it.

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"Wedding for Grown-ups," by Carroll Stoner (Chronicle Books, \$17.95)

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THE GALLUPS

BOISE - Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gallup of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 4 to 6 p.m. at the LDS Church, 3020 W. Cherry Lane (off of Vista Avenue) in Boise.

Gulup and Gladene Brown were married Jan. 28, 1948, in Colfax, Wash.

They have lived all over the world, but lived in the Twin Falls area during 1950-1960.

He worked for the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation. She worked at JC Penneys and Mann's Market.

They have been active in PTA, the LDS Church and March of Dimes.

The event is being given by their children, Tamara (Gallup) Williams of Boise, D. Lynn Gallup of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Michael Gallup of Eagle, Idaho.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Gladene and Darrell Gallup

THE BROOKS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Brooks of Jerome were honored at a dinner on Jan. 3 for their 50th wedding anniversary at Creekside Steakhouse in Twin Falls.

Brooks and Jeanne Weigl were married Dec. 28, 1947, at her parents' home in Jerome.

He worked at several service stations and construction companies, farmed and was ranch foreman on the Diamond Dragon Ranch in Bellevue before opening Nate's Service Station in Jerome.

She worked at Sawtooth Market, Thriftway Drug and as bookkeeper for Nate.

The event was given by their children, Craig Brooks of Jerome, Sherrie (Dan) Walker of West Jordan, Utah, Beckie (Gary)



Jeanne and Nathan Brooks

Kukal of Jerome, Lisa (Tim) Boman of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Jan (Terry) Ganguet of Jerome.

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WEDDINGS

One more time: Navigating the shoals of 2nd weddings

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

"A gentleman who had been very unhappy in marriage, married immediately after his wife died," Johnson said, it was the triumph of hope over experience."

"The Life of Samuel Johnson," by James Boswell

TWIN FALLS — Every 13 seconds in America, someone gets married.

Every 27 seconds, somebody gets divorced.

Quite often these days, those trends intersect — often in an understated ceremony between two people seeking better luck this time.

"But having been down the prenuptial road once rarely makes the journey any easier the next time," said Rita Bigel-Casher, author of "Bride's Guide to Emotional Survival" (Prima Publishing, \$14.95).

Still, three-fifths of a million Americans got married again in 1995, the last year for which statistics are available, and the trend toward retread romances is up even though both the overall marriage and divorce rates are slipping.

"At least 50 percent of all remarriages involve both a man and a woman who have been divorced from their previous mates," said George W. Knight, author of "The Second Marriage Guidebook" (JM Publications, \$9.95). "Both should be older, wiser and more mature because of this experience. And both may have vowed that they will work harder at building better relationships the second time around."

"Trouble is, it's not entirely up to them."

"Two divorced people are more likely to have children from each of their previous unions," Knight said. "If each has custody of their children, this could cause overcrowding of their household, as well as extra financial burden. Even if they don't have all their children together under the same roof, the husband may be making child support payments to his ex-wife."

So how to plan a wedding in that kind of minefield?

"Be prepared for chaos, conflict and confusion. Apart from settling family relationships, you will also be dealing with who gets invited and who does not. Who pays for what? Who walks down the aisle and in what order? Who stands up with the bride and groom? Where do you seat the various families without slightly anyone? Then you have the sticky problem of how to handle the fragile wedding-day emotions of children from a former marriage."

"That's compounded by the fact that second marriages are often followed shortly by big changes in kids' lives, including a new address and new siblings."

"Can your children, or his for that matter, be expected to



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become an instant family with you?" Bigel-Casher said. "In reality this rarely happens unless you enter each other's families when the children are very young, or their biological parent is deceased. Children have no control over what happens in them and have not asked that their parents divorce or die, nor remedy."

"As a newlywed with stepchildren, you can accomplish a great deal by just taking hurtful actions and words personally," she continued. "This requires your ability to put yourself in your stepchildren's shoes, and to harness inner power and outer supports."

But unless the couple put itself first in that environment, Bigel-Casher said, their marriage is headed for the shoals.

"Maybe the best you can do is to make yourself aware of a number of motives that could be influencing your decision to get married again," Knight said. "Time can be an ally."

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Another trip down the aisle

Second-time weddings are more than just a re-hash of what you did the first time around. The circumstances call for some unique planning steps:

- **Let the kids in on your plans.** And do it sooner rather than later. Studies have shown that many children live under the delusion that their divorced parents might get together again.
- **Decide on the kind of wedding.** Second weddings are generally more modest affairs than first weddings, and the nuptials often happen at home, especially if cost is an issue. But just because you had a big wedding the first time around doesn't mean you can't do so again.
- **Use the long white dress.** Good taste dictates that a woman who has been married before should not wear a long, traditional white wedding dress or veil, but many second-time brides opt for less elaborate white dresses. If you

- do opt for white, though, tone it down with a dash of color — in a pale en-jacket, for example.
- **Be in to navigate the minefield of who gets to do what at the wedding.** Be generous, be inclusive, but it's still the couple's call.
- **If it's your wedding, don't invite your ex.** But if your child is getting married, an invitation to his mother or father and their blood relatives is non negotiable.
- **By tradition, nobody gives the bride away the second time around.** She walks down the aisle on her own, although some women have their sons stand in for their fathers.
- **Think simple but elegant.** You're older, wiser, probably more financially secure, more settled and presumably with more refined tastes than you were the first time you got married. Let your second wedding reflect the new reality of your lifestyle.

—Source: "The Second Marriage Guidebook," by George W. Knight (JM Publications, \$9.95)

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Giving grows complicated when it's not the 1st wedding

The Washington Post

Picking out the perfect bridal gift used to be easy — serving dishes, toasters, linens, all the things young newlyweds need to set up a proper household.

It's much more complicated these days — especially for second-, third-time or more weddings. Many modern couples already have dishes, towels, a couch, a house and a mortgage long before walking down the aisle. So what do you buy for a couple when both have been married before?

• **Hint No. 1: Find out if the love birds are registered.**

"I think you'd be surprised at what people need, even if they've been married before," says NBC correspondent Andrea Mitchell. "So my rule of thumb is to check with the bride."

In April, Mitchell married her longtime love, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan. They didn't have china, so the couple registered. "People were very kind," Mitchell says.

The newlyweds also received a black Steinway piano from her parents — which was not on the bridal registry, so who knew? Bridal registries become more helpful with each successive marriage, as the wish list gets more specific.

"When friends or relatives asked what we'd like, the answers were (1) Cash is the perfect color and always fits, (2) Any frequent-flyer points that you'd like to transfer, or (3) We're registered at 'Miles & More.'"

Carroll Habib, an administrative assistant to the director of Mediasat Group, who married laborer with Charles Van Stone in September. This was the second time down the aisle for both.

"Registering was a way to get



Cobalt Band china, Audubon sterling flatware and Swedish crystal, all from Tiffany & Co., are classic wedding gifts.

exactly what we wanted. By the second time around, you're smart enough to know that the full-piece place setting is useless." Flubbs says. "We registered for 12-inch continental dinner plates only."

At Hecht's, the most popular gift requested by second-time brides is bedding.

"The one thing they want is

totally new bedroom furnishings: new bed, dresser, sheets, comforters, dust ruffles," says Nancy Christolini, senior vice president. "You want things that have a future, not a past."

• **Hint No. 2: Think luxury goods.** By the time people get around to their second or third marriage, they have probably accumulated the basics of life — glassware, pots

and pans, child support. What they don't have are the little luxuries.

"The general trend is away from household necessities," says Diane Ray, a vice president at Tiffany & Co. Older couples like gifts for entertaining: crystal beer mugs, champagne flutes and crystal ice buckets. "Some of the more whimsical gifts have been very popular," Ray says. Whimsical at Tiffany's means sterling silver cocktail shakers, wine coasters or chopsticks.

The classic second-time present: a sterling silver picture frame, which can be hand-engraved with a monogram or wedding date.

• **Hint No. 3: Remember**

romance. "I got invited to more second-time marriages than anyone in this town," says Tommy "The Matchmaker" Curtis, owner of the Yacht Club of Bethesda, a meeting place for over 30 singles.

"My fail-proof gift for second-time-wedders was two Waterford champagne flutes. My card always says, 'Something special for the wedding night.' Most wedding guests think of more practical gifts for older brides and grooms. I don't want to lose sight of the glitziness of the romance — especially the wedding night."

• **Hint No. 4: Create a memory.** Consider a bottle (or a case) of very good wine, champagne or liquor. They will remember the giver every time they open the bottle.

Treat them to expensive edible goodies they probably wouldn't buy themselves: One couple returned from their honeymoon to a delivery of caviar, chocolates, cheeses, pates, fresh bread and four champagne flutes.

Or give an experience, such as a meal at a romantic restaurant, theater tickets, a ride in a limousine or on a hot-air balloon. Do not

offer to come along — this is their time.

• **Hint No. 5: Celebrate success.** Traditionally, one can send a gift up to a year after the wedding. Alison Russell takes this theory to the 365th day — sending a present to celebrate the first year of marriage.

"When both people have been

married previously, I send them a big bouquet of flowers on their first anniversary," says Russell. "I think that, too often with second marriages, they get a lot of presents when they get married but nobody remembers their anniversary."

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Folklore surrounds many wedding traditions

The Times-News

The evolution of the process of joining two lives has created an interesting set of words and events.

For example, did you know...

• **The word "bridal"** derives from "bride-ale," from the fact that on her wedding day the bride and her family were permitted to sell ale especially made for the occasion. Selling the bride-ale helped defray the cost of the festivities and added to their gaiety.

• **The threshold.** The husband must carry the bride over the threshold of their new home because the Romans believed that she was most vulnerable at this transitional point in her life, and "thief her husband," by carrying her over the sill, avoided any danger from envious witchcraft.

• **The shoe.** From earliest times it's been the symbol of domestic authority. In Anglo-Saxon marriages, the father-to demonstrate transfer of authority over his daughter from himself to the groom — took a shoe off the bride's foot and handed it to the groom. Upon receiving the shoe, the groom became the bride's master. To show acquisition of authority, he tapped the bride lightly on the head with the shoe, which was a sign of power.

• **The ring.** In the Anglo-Saxon north, rings were originally pledges given to the bride, along with other gifts, before the ceremony of marriage. The word "wed" itself is Anglo-Saxon and means "pledge."

• **The flowers.** Today's bridal bouquet is often made up of lilies of the valley, white orchids, white roses or some other delicate flower. Once it

was a combination of garlic, chives, rosemary, bay and other strong and potent herbs, all carefully chosen for their special protective power against witches and demons.

• **Folk tale:** Don't get married when it's raining. In earlier days, weddings were celebrated at the church door or in the church porch, not inside the body of the church. A wet day at such a time was a serious matter, especially since there were no umbrellas and awnings to protect the celebrants.

• **Folk tale:** Don't get married in the morning or in the evening. In the 17th century, morning weddings were strongly deplored because the bridegroom was apt to appear unshaven and wearing dirty or

negligent attire" as the result either of early morning work in the country or of a last round of all-night bachelor parties in the city.

After-dark weddings were also strictly taboo, because the wedding party — as the clergy noted with protective honor — frequently "took the bridal couple off by sheer force to the ale house."

• **The gifts.** This tradition started with the frugal Dutch, of all people. They gave young couples their household gear and a sum of money with which to begin life.

• **The honeymoon.** The word comes from the Germans, who drank mead or methigen, a beverage made of honey, for 30 days after the wedding. Some

folklorists believe the honeymoon is an echo of primal marriage by capture, when the man kept his mate in retirement to prevent her from appealing to her relatives for aid.

• **Sources:** "I Thee Wed," by Pat Ross, and "The Folklore of Weddings and Marriage," by Duncan Emrich.

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Your toast, so stand and deliver

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—One of the most daunting tasks after the wedding ceremony is the series of toasts to the new couple. Parents and friends may take the floor, but the duty generally falls on the best man and the maid of honor.

Relaxed and enjoying the celebration, many of the designated toasters begin to sweat as they are caught unaware by the signal that it's time to stand and deliver.

A little preparation and forethought can make the difference between an embarrassing, stumbling attempt and a memorable moment for the happy couple of which the toast can be proud.

For anyone attempting to speak at a reception, the first part is the beginning. Humor is a great ice-breaker, but not everybody can pull it off. In a noisy reception hall full of chatter,

millions of people. "Watch out for toasts that are too funny," says Michael R. Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12). "Living as we are amid the great irony epidemic, every guy across the nation thinks he can be David Letterman. Self-deprecating humor may be appropriate for late-night television, but when you're making a toast, you should be expressing a genuine, heartfelt emotion, not telling stupid jokes."

—Michael R. Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12).

Sweet sentimentality always draws the appropriate murmurs, but dewy thanks can sound phony.

KISS —Keep it Short and Simple is a reliable method, plus you can always lift some famous lines from notable orators and writers. "Just happens to be appropriate for this couple," creates a nice platform or wrap-up for the speech.

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Some toast-worthy quotes from famous people

- "Don't wish me happiness ... wish me courage and strength and a sense of humor; I will need them all."
— Anne Morrow on the eve of her wedding to Charles Lindbergh, 1928
- "This we know: All things are connected, like the blood which unites one family: Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."
— Chief Seattle
- "My most brilliant achievement was my ability to persuade my wife to marry me."
— Winston Churchill
- "As wing to bird, water to fish, life to the living, so you to me."
— From "Vidya-pati,"

most other situations in your life, you're expected to speak modestly, in careful, hedged terms. But this is your new wife, so you'll appear sweet, sensitive and loving if you fill your toast with superlatives.

And don't forget the guests. "You can appear as eloquent as John F. Kennedy by simply remembering a use-car salesman's trick," Perry said. "The word most pleasing to just about anyone is his or her name. It doesn't matter what you say, as long as you get the names in."

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Overcoming 2nd thoughts about marriage

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Zsa Zsa Gabor, who oughta know, once proclaimed that any bride who doesn't have second thoughts on the day before her wedding belongs in a convent.

"True, you have decided, but how can you be sure?" said psychologist Rita Bigel Cacher, author of "Bride's Guide to Emotional Survival" (Prima Publishing, \$14). "And you thought only men had second thoughts."

Indeed they do. "A lot of little things that have happened since you got engaged are starting to appear ominous," said Michael R. Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12). "The conspiracy theories leap out at you. Are you 'set' to get married, or are you just going through the motions, or getting tied down?"

Is this marriage a doorway or a trap? Are you making a big mistake? Still, maybe it's not the relationship that's the source of stress. Maybe it's the wedding. "I'm convinced that how couples handle wedding planning reflects how they will, or will not, live happily ever after," said Carroll Stoner, author of "Weddings for Grown-ups" (Chronicle Books, \$17.95).

"The process of getting married is a hassle; just like the process of getting a driver's license is a hassle," Perry said. "All those hassles are forgotten in your first drive down an open road."

Perry believes groom-to-be get cold feet because they're afraid of getting old, afraid of becoming respectable ("Will I turn into Fred MacMurray?") and afraid of losing their freedom. "That terrifying image of the pitch-black abyss waiting to swallow you whole popped into your head simply because thought about the future," he said. "Don't. If you want to contemplate a really depressing future, think about 10 years from now, putting along in the single life in the same way you are now, but

with more body fat and less hair."

With women, it's more complicated, Bigel Cacher says.

Brides-to-be often fear losing their economic freedom, she said. They don't think they'll be a good spouse or parent, are afraid life

will become predictable and dull, are concerned about disappointing their spouse-to-be, worry that their partner will change, feel overwhelmed by responsibility and are concerned that they'll never be able to have sex with another partner again.



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in the right direction. If you're the groom, you sit the first round of toasts out, and then you propose a toast to the bride. "Gosh," said Michael R. Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12). "In

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WEDDINGS

Cut those honeymoon costs with inexpensive places to stay

Los Angeles Times

Tapped out by matrimony? You're not alone.

And on the chance you're suddenly more receptive than usual to the idea of using a budget hotel or motel on your upcoming honeymoon, here's an update on what's out there and how much it costs.

The surprising news, for someone who hasn't looked closely in a while, is that those familiar names of old — Motel 6 and Travelodge, for instance — are still there, but they're outnumbered by Days Inns, Comfort Inns and Super 8s.

The reassuring news is that there are more budget hotels than ever — more than a million rooms across the country, counting only hotels and motels that fly flags of the four dozen largest U.S. chains.

The editors at Consumer Reports publications, normally a taciturn bunch, have hailed American budget hotels in general as "the world's best value in accommodations" for their combination of cleanliness, freeway-convenient loca-

Cheap retreats

Below are some factors to weigh in choosing a budget hotel or motel:

□ If you're determined to spend less than \$40 per night: Budget Hotel Inn, (800) 283-4678, has 178 hotels nationwide, and an average nightly rate of \$31. Knight's Inn, (800) 843-5644, has 192 hotels nationwide, daily rates \$30 to \$35. Missions Economy Inn, (800) 633-3434, has 31 hotels in the Southeast, daily rates about \$36. Microtel Inn, (888) 771-7474, has 52 hotels nationwide, daily rates about \$39. Motel 6, (800) 466-6556, has 760 hotels nationwide, daily rates averaging \$33.50. National 9 Inn, (800) 524-9999, has 171 hotels, most in the western U.S., averaging \$29 to \$34. Village Lodge, (800) 328-7829, has 61 hotels nationwide, averaging \$25 to \$30.

A handful of smaller chains, such as Cross

Country Inns, (800) 821-1429, and Economy Inns of America, (800) 826-0778, have comparable rates. Also, most budget hotels give 10 percent discounts to AAA members.

□ If you want a familiar name: Since 1993, the biggest budget hotel chain in the country has been Days Inn of America, (800) 329-7466, with more than 1,800 hotels (more than 360,000 rooms) and rates averaging \$43 to \$52. Since Cecil B. Day's opening of the first Days Inn (1970; Savannah Beach, Ga.), the franchised chain has sprouted locations in every state. The last was Hawaii, where a Days Inn opened in Waikiki last year.

Top runners-up in numbers of hotels are Comfort Inn & Suites, (800) 228-5150, with nearly 1,400 U.S. locations (and 115 in Canada) and rates of \$45 to \$75; and Super 8 Motels, (800) 800-8000, with about the same number of locations and rates of \$40 to \$50. Next, after a big dropoff, come Econo Lodge, (800) 553-2666, 709 hotels; Hampton Inn, (800) 426-7866, 709 hotels; Quality Inn

Hotels & Suites, (800) 228-6151, 657 hotels; Holiday Inn Express, (800) 465-4329, 637 hotels; Howard Johnson, (800) 446-4856, 600 hotels; and Travelodge, (800) 578-7878, 520 hotels.

□ If you require a pool: The following chains maintain pools at all of their locations: Quality Inn Hotels & Suites, Fairfield Inn by Marriott, (800) 228-2800, 317 locations; La Quinta Inns, (800) 887-6687, 260 locations; and AmeriLink, (800) 634-3444, 97 locations in the northern Midwest. Several smaller chains also have pools at each of their properties. Most other major chains have pools at some or most of their locations.

□ If you want the security of a room door that opens onto an interior hallway, not the outdoors: Many chains offer interior doors, but only a few nationwide brands have all interior door designs. Holiday Inn Express, (800) 465-4329, is one. Others include Country Inns & Suites by Carlson, (800) 456-4000, and Sleep Inns, (800) 753-3746.

of these chains are franchised, which means each site is independently owned and operated.

Though each operator is supposed to meet uniform standards, franchise companies vary widely in their enforcement efforts. Hence, beneath even the most familiar signs, happy and unhappy surprises may lie in wait.

One helpful clue to look for, though, is the American Automobile Association imprimatur, which means the auto club's inspectors have awarded the lodging at least a one-diamond rating. (There are about 2,400 lodgings with one-diamond ratings nationwide — and countless thousands more that are unrated and unlisted in the auto club's guidebooks.) Mobil Travel Guide ratings are similarly useful.

If you want location information and other details about hotels and motels mentioned here, consult the November Consumer Reports Travel Letter (available for viewing in libraries, or for \$5 by order from CRTL, 101 Truman Ave., Yonkers, N.Y. 10703-1057).

ties and modest costs.

In an analysis of 54 major budget

chains for the November issue of Consumer Reports Travel Letter, those

editors chose no particular favorites. Nor have I, in large part because most

Time-sharing

For couples planning their honeymoon together, Los Angeles-based author of wedding consultant Leslie Aronson provides these tips:

- Give yourself time to unwind after the wedding before jumping into a hectic travel schedule. Relax at a nearby hotel, or arrange a day or two at a resort.
- Avoid planning a trip that requires spending most of your time traveling to and from your destination.
- Plan a budget. Decide how much to spend before your trip to avoid discussing money during the honeymoon.
- Ask your travel agent about special value-added hotel features. This could save you time and money.

Some hotels offer romance and resort package deals.

□ Let service people know you're on your honeymoon — chances are they will be more sensitive to your needs.

□ Confirm your reservations, activities, budget and vacation days ahead of time.

□ Keep weather patterns in mind when planning and packing for trips. Check with the local hotel to make sure your honeymoon isn't spent during a rainy or very humid season.

□ Allow yourself time to get passports, visas or immunizations for international trips. New brides should remember to book airline tickets under their maiden or married name, which matches their passport. And don't forget replacement medical prescriptions. You never know when you might lose a contact lens.

— Source: NAPS

Sometimes it takes a plan to really enjoy your honeymoon

North American Precia Syndicate

It wasn't long ago that it was the groom's right of marital passage to plan the honeymoon all by himself.

Today, couples are discovering a new idea that makes honeymoon planning even more successful and fun — sharing.

"More couples are finding that they both want to be involved in planning the honeymoon," said Gori Bain, travel editor for Modern Bride magazine. "It makes sense that if both are involved, the chances of a mutually enjoyable time are greatly

increased. That's an important factor when it comes to planning one of the most important trips of your life."

According to Johnnie Flynn, director of leisure and resort market for Hilton Hotels Corp. — which hosts thousands of honeymooners every year — the secret to choosing the right location is variety, spiced with romance.

"Honeymooners need to look for a destination that offers them choices," she said. "Some want to relax and bask in the sun, while others look for more adventurous activities or sports. We try to accommodate everyone."

11 commandments for grown-up weddings

1. It's your wedding. *It's more a public occasion meant to live up to — or down to — other's standards.*
2. Your wedding should reflect your deepest feelings about marriage and married life.
3. You should have a good time at your wedding. *Your wedding is not New Year's Eve, with the pressure to have fun even if the gaily rings hollow.*
4. Spend within your financial limits. *Choose the best you can afford.*
5. Pick a few details and concentrate on making them unusual.
6. Obsess only about one thing at a time. *During the planning stages, break large areas into smaller, more manageable portions.*
7. Everything possible should be done beforehand so you can

avoid the pressure of handling details on your wedding day.

8. Work only with those you like.

The occasion is too intimate for you to spend time with someone with whom you have bad chemistry.

9. Every marriage is a mixed marriage.

He's male and you're female, and beyond that most difference pale by comparison.

10. Don't invite Emily Post. *Etiquette exists to make social occasions; not more difficult.*

11. Set aside family conflicts on your wedding day.

Guests will reflect your attitude and add to your day's joy.

— From "Weddings for Grown-ups," by Carroll Stone

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Long-lost lovers reunite for 2nd try

NEW YORK (AP) — A psychologist studying lovers who have found each other after years of separation says their tales of lost love are surprisingly common.

"I'll go into a class of 100 people and ask how many have done this and I get about 10," Nancy Kalish says.

"As I go through life, I get the 'hardness'—the dog groomer, I just talk about it everywhere," she says. On a recent flight from California to New York, "I got the stewardess and the person next to me."

"That's one of the surprising things to me — it really is common," she says. "It's just another way we look for love."

Kalish, a psychology professor at California State University in Sacramento, has collected questionnaires from about 600 people who spent at least five years apart from former lovers and then reconnected for another try.

Among her findings from the first 500 questionnaires:

- For about half her sample, the initial relationship happened at age 17 or younger. "These are the puppy loves that people make (and) — and yes — when they have a choice to go back to someone, of all the relationships in their life, that's the one they go back to."

"There's kind of a spiritual connection they feel with these people, like God brought them back together."

— Nancy Kalish, psychologist

- The lovers usually were broken apart the first time by parental disapproval or moving away.

- Reunion happened from ages 18 to 89, though most often from age 30 and up. Sixty percent of her sample stayed together after the reunion, sometimes through an extramarital affair.

- When people reunited with their first loves after 25 years or so, there was a 75 percent chance staying together. Those who married reported "ecstatic marriages" where they say to me, "After 22 years, people think we're newlyweds," that they're soulmates.

- There's kind of a spiritual connection they feel with these people, like God brought them back together.

"The sex is great ... (because) the relationship is so comfortable and familiar and it's just wonderful getting that person back. ... It's



an appeal to us to right the wrong, done from years ago.

Only 2 percent reunited at a school reunion.

Much more common was an active search for the lost lover. It usually was the "dumped" partner, and usually the man, who went looking to reconnect. And the message

in the initial letter or phone call was usually an innocent, "Hi, just wondering how your life has been going."

The reuniting often puffed more emotional power than either partner expected, and often led to extramarital affairs. A single woman calls an old lover, for example, "and he says 'Great, I want you to meet my wife. The three of them go out to dinner, and it's aboveboard, and all of a sudden sparks start to fly over the table.'"

After 20 years, a love rekindles

HARVEY CEDARS, N.J. (AP) — This is a story for anybody who has ever stared off in the distance, thought of a long-lost love and wondered, "What ever happened to ...?"

This is the ultimate Valentine's tale, the saga of a blind college wrestler who fell for a nursing student, and of the 20 years they spent apart while never quite forgetting each other.

Start with a disapproving mother, loss in a note undelivered, and mix in marriages to other people; it seemed as if Gene and Mary Ann Manfrini were not fated to be together.

But something had happened when Gene met the shy nursing student in 1953, something about her voice, something about her he can't define, and could never forget. And so, all those years later, he tracked her down.

Reunitions happen at all ages, says psychologist Nancy Kalish of California State University.

And it's usually the man who takes the first step.

Like Gene Manfrini, now 67, who bounds from room to room in his New Jersey home with such authority you'd think he'd leave a wake.

Blind since age 2, he needs only a quick touch on the kitchen counter-top as he passes to get his bearings.

"Wrestling did a lot for me," says Manfrini, who excelled at it at Columbia University in New York. "It gave me the confidence to do anything I wanted."

The story started when a 25-year-old Gene auditioned a 22-year-old Mary Ann to read college textbooks aloud and found not an employee, but a girlfriend.

Mary Ann was quickly drawn to the handsome, muscular athlete who played piano, got around town without even a white cane and "just took control of everything."

For three months they dated. Gene couldn't afford anything fancy. So they walked through city parks. They went to Columbia football games. He got student tickets to the opera, way up in the top tier.

One night, after a performance of "Madame Butterfly," Gene took Mary Ann home to the Bronx and kissed her goodnight, as usual.

It was the last time he'd be with her for years.

Suddenly, she started refusing all

Share your story

Nancy Kalish is still looking for people to participate in her study. She can be contacted at The Lost Love Project, P.O. Box 19692, Sacramento, Calif. 95819.

his calls. Gene was devastated. What was going on?

It was her mother, "a very dominating force in my life," Mary Ann says. Gene was not what she wanted for Mary Ann. Breaking off the romance was "easier than fighting with my mother."

Once, about a year later, Mary Ann sent him a note suggesting they get together — but by then, he was living with a woman, who, he says, saw Mary Ann's note and didn't tell him about it.

When Mary Ann realized no reply was coming, "I felt he just didn't want to be bothered with me."

Gene married the woman in 1954.

Three years later, she married a classmate.

But his marriage, which included two daughters, was not going well. He thought about Mary Ann quite a bit.

"I just wondered how she was," he says, "how she was doing. ... I never forgot her. She was just engraved on my mind."

In the late 1960s, he finally called Mary Ann's mother to satisfy his curiosity, and she later mentioned the call to Mary Ann.

But once again, Mary Ann didn't want to see Gene. Not now. She had enough complications. Her husband had walked out on her, leaving her with a 4-year-old daughter.

And so it remained until 1974. Gene, divorced and unable to locate Mary Ann, happened to meet a friend who ran a detective agency. Could he find a long-lost friend?

Soon, a private eye went up to the Bronx neighborhood where Gene had kissed Mary Ann good night so long ago. Her parents had moved away, but he found a neighbor who knew how to reach them.

Mary Ann told her mother she'd take a phone call.

"Do you know a Gene Manfrini?" the private eye asked.

"Oh my God, did he die?"

"No. He's very much alive. And he'd like to see you."

Soon after, on a cold January day, Gene took a long bus ride to Glen Falls, N.Y., where Mary Ann was now living.

Before long, they were running up \$300 phone bills.

In March, the normally reserved Mary Ann asked him over the phone, "Are you going to marry me, or what?"

He was so surprised he couldn't answer at first. But he recovered enough to say, "Of course, I will."

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How to stage a showcase wedding

The Associated Press

"The old joke about being at the wrong wedding and not knowing it doesn't apply any more."

"Guests are staying late and having fun at weddings," says Marcy Blum, a wedding consultant in New York City.

What's making weddings more fun might be special effects in lighting or flowers, unusual entertainment or food, or extravagant parties that are a bit like visiting Disney World. In fact, the event may even be at Disney World. By the end of 1997, 2,300 weddings will have taken place at the resort and theme park complex in Orlando, Fla.

"The ultimate is to be married at Cinderella's Castle in the Magic Kingdom," says Rebecca Miller, senior sales development manager for Disney's Fairy Tale Weddings division, formed in 1991.

The bride arrives in a glass carriage with a costumed driver, a footman and two or more trampeters. The ceremony is held in the rose garden, with dinner and dancing at Cinderella's Royal Table, a restaurant in the castle.

"Couples come to us for Disney themes like a medieval or a winter wonderland wedding or a court-western wedding," Miller says. "People know we already have the props and costumes to create many different themes."

While the Cinderella wedding is one of the most expensive — starting at about \$45,000 for 100 guests — the average Disney wedding for 100 people costs about \$13,000, which puts it in line with lavish weddings around the country.

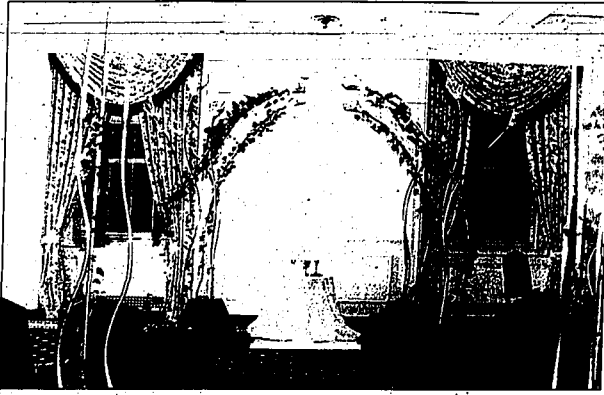
But it's not necessary to journey to the Magic Kingdom for a touch of showmanship. One couple found it at the Yale Club in New York City when the bride's brother created special lighting for the ceremony.

An architect and lamp designer in New York, David Bergman reworked one of his floor lamp designs to create a chuppah (Jewish ceremonial wedding canopy) of light for the wedding of Karen Bergman and John Thyfault last summer. He augmented the effect with four tall candelabra for the aisle. The special lighting elements added their glow to the reception area after the ceremony was over.

The enthusiastic approval of his design by wedding guests took Bergman by surprise and convinced him he should add custom wedding lights to the repertoire of his company, Fire and Water.

While the architect was surprised, Blum is not. In large cities, it's becoming more common to hire a lighting designer to provide special lighting effects, she says.

"Special lighting glazes a space. Shining a pin spot on an inexpensive bud vase on a table will make a better impression



Modern lamps in floral shapes, designed by David Bergman of Fire & Water, forms the chuppah for a wedding.



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than if more elaborate floral centerpieces were used without the lighting.

"Even if we don't bring in a lighting company, we might change the light bulbs for more flattering light, or bring in candles."

While wedding planners can be expected to know such things, what's surprising is the number of couples who are paying attention to nuances that once might have washed over them.

"I can't tell you how many girls have come to me worrying that the bridesmaids' dresses don't match the carpet in the church," says florist Lynn Lary McLean of Friendswood, Texas. "There was a time when nobody would have thought about visual coherence. Consumers are more educated now. They are trained by TV, magazines and retail stores with great displays."

Weddings do have a degree of showmanship that was missing in the past, says Millie Bratten, editor of Bride's magazine. One of her favorite examples was the wedding of two actors in New York City who hired a theater, sent invitations that looked like theater tickets, gave guests assigned seats, and printed up a theater program. After the ceremony on stage, there was a backstage party for all assembled.

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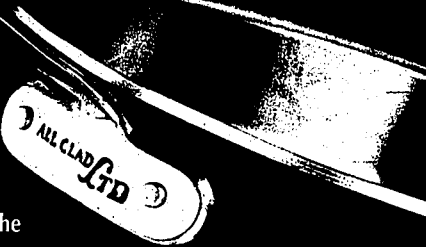
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Are some bouquets too pretty to toss?

The Washington Post

Centuries ago, brides clutched bunches of sage, thyme or garlic on their wedding day to ward off evil spirits.

Today, the floral bouquet that is featured prominently in traditional ceremonies and wedding photos is as fragrant. But it is more fashion accessory than lucky charm.

"We've come a long way from carrying aromatic herbs," says Millie Bratten, editor-in-chief of *Bride's* magazine, a bible for many of the 2.4 million brides in this country who say "I do" each year. "We know from focus groups that choosing the flowers for a wedding is the next greatest area of interest for our readers after the dress."

While brides are still likely to be married in white or cream-colored dresses, bridesmaids are wearing bolder colors instead of pastels. That, in turn, inspires richer-colored flowers for the entire wedding party. "I had a bride recently who wanted all orange, coral lilies," says Richard B. Davis, a designer at Amaryllis, a flower shop in Washington. Even more exotic was the one who wanted a mask of flower petals instead of a bouquet.

To have and to hold for a few fleeting, but life-altering hours, bridal bouquets of the 1990s reflect society's current passion for gardening, for individuality and a new love of color. Brides a hundred years ago might have stiffly balanced oversized two-foot-wide creations down the aisle. Today's bride is more likely to favor a small, tightly rounded Victorian nosegay or a blowy, hand-tied clutch of seemingly home-grown flowers or a minimalist trio of individual blossoms.

Martha Stewart Living's yearly "Weddings" special issue, which includes bouquet ideas, is a popular reference for brides. In the Winter/Spring 1997



The bride might carry this exuberant bouquet of mixed flowers and ribbons, designed by John Henry Co.

issue, ideas included a "green" bouquet made of all pale green flowers like ladies' mantle, green hyacinth and Achillea and a bouquet of single-variety overripe pink roses (described as being directly from Martha's garden) nestled in organza. The chocolate

Arranging your flowers

The bride bouquet adds an element of nature and a fragrance to the wedding ceremony. It lives on in countless photographs.

Here are some ideas from the pros on how to choose, what to choose and how to make it look the best.

□ Clip photos of bouquets you like to show potential flower designers. Also clip photos of bouquets you don't like.

□ Don't let the bouquet hide the bride, or vice versa. Millie Bratten, editor-in-chief of *Bride's* magazine, advises: If you are petite, keep the bouquet in proportion. If you are tall, don't carry a tiny one.

□ For fragrance, gardenias are hard to resist. But remember that they are among the most delicate flowers to choose for a bridal bouquet. They bruise and wither easily.

□ Choose roses if you are really determined to preserve your bouquet. Floral designers advise that roses dry best.

□ Schedule delivery of the bouquet carefully. A bouquet delivered too early the day of the wedding can be damaged.

"I deliver usually to the ceremony site," says Stacie Lee Banks, a designer at Lee's Flower and Card Shop in Washington. "I've seen flower girls literally take their little baskets and swing them around their heads right before the wedding. These flowers are perishable, and they can be all beat up by the time of the wedding."

□ If you want a bouquet to last a little longer, put it in a plastic bag and refrigerate it after the wedding is over.

One secret of longevity that professionals use on bouquets is a quick spray with Crownin' Glory, a preservative that seals in the moisture and helps prevent browning. But not forever.

cosmos and lavender roses bouquet trailing brown bows pinned to its handle, in homage to 1950s Paris fashions.

Historical influences abound in the wedding ceremony. The tradition of tossing the bouquet, says *Bride's* editor Bratten, is rooted in ancient superstitions that brides are lucky and guests want to share in that luck. "People used to rush the bride and even grab at pieces of her clothing. One bride, in a moment of self-defense, must have tossed her bouquet."

Brides today sometimes get sentimentally attached to their bouquets and want to preserve them forever by hanging them up to dry or by having them professionally freeze dried. That's why floral designers often make what's known as a throw-away bouquet.

This is sometimes a miniature version of the main bouquet with some dramatic ribbons attached to it, which can be tossed to the crowd as the couple traditionally makes a getaway at the end of the reception.

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The candle, to its dismay, now ranks as an American pastime. For thousands of years humankind tamed the darkness with candlelight. Candles were our first utility, essential to the progress of the species, a household necessity on par with bread and water.

Today, coincidentally, the candle remains "an absolute must," although that's been a ship, happenings and the height of sophistication to melt wax. The candle, once exalted as a tool of survival, has fallen victim to the Martha Stewart-tation of culture: It has become a decorating gizmo.

This is no minor obsession. In 1997, The People will spend just less than \$2 billion on 4 billion candles.

Everyone from Wal-Mart to Donna Karan has gotten into the wick bit.

Candle facts

□ Americans will buy 4 billion candles in 1997.

□ Women buy 96 percent of candles sold.

□ The holiday season accounts for 35 percent of yearly sales.

□ The Romans are credited with inventing the wick candle, made from animal fat.

□ Beeswax candles, first used in the Middle Ages, burn cleaner than tallow, and initially only the wealthy could afford them.

□ Candles that have been refrigerated burn more slowly and evenly.

□ Wrap them in plastic first so their wicks do not absorb moisture.

□ Store candles in cool, dry places and lay them flat to prevent warping.

□ Place burning candles three inches apart so they do not melt one another.

□ When burning a pillar for the first time, allow the candle to burn long enough for a pool of wax to extend to the pillar's edges. It will burn more evenly each lighting thereafter.

□ Burn votive candles in light holders that prevent the candles from spreading. They will last longer and smell stronger this way.

□ Blow out a candle by holding your finger in front of the flame and blowing at your finger. The air will extinguish the flame from either side, preventing hot wax from splattering.

□ Never leave a burning candle unattended.

— Sources: National Candle Association and B.J. Lucasse, owner of Wicky Wick.

The industry has grown 25 percent annually over the past few years, and no one sees our pillar passion tapering off. Where will it lead? Are we becoming a nation of cinnamon-apple and pumpkin-spice addicts? Will we soon require 12-step programs to wean us from

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Even Lucasse, a candle fanatic, labors under oppressive fluorescent bulbs during the workweek. "When we come home we want to find our homes more of a sanctuary," she says.

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WEDDINGS

A complete rookie's guide to buying a ring

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hey, it's two months' salary.

So before you wander into the thicket of fine jewelry, some homework about diamonds, gemstone grades, engagement rings and wedding sets is in order.

"Doing a little research shows that the same quality diamond in the same type of setting can be found for prices that vary by as much as 100 percent," said Michael R. Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12). "That means you may find a certain ring for \$500 which, on the other side of town, sells for \$1,500. The standard retail markup on diamonds — that is the difference between what you pay and what the jeweler paid — is about three times. Therefore, be prepared to huggle around and cover the price, the same way you would when shopping for a car."

Trouble is, most guys know a lot more about complaints than cars.

"Asking the right questions is the key to knowing what you're getting," says author of "Engagements and Wedding Rings" (Gemstone Press, \$14.95) Matlin. Antonio Bonanno and Jane Crystal in their "Engagements and Wedding Rings" (Gemstone Press, \$14.95) Matlin. "It is also the only way you will know what you are comparing when considering stones from different jewelers."

Matlin said a jeweler ought to be able to answer six basic questions about a diamond:

- What is the exact carat weight? Simply stated, a carat refers to size. All other things being equal, the heavier the diamond, the more expensive. (And be sure you find out its weight *in its spread*.)

- What is its color grade? This subject is to gemology what quantum mechanics is to physics. Jewelers have complex charts that evaluate color status, and at least five different systems for classifying them. Make sure you know what grading system was used (the Gemological Institute of America's standard is widely recognized in the United States.)

- According to Perry, the best diamonds are "D" color; you can't afford one. The farther down the alphabet, as a rule, the cheaper the stone.

- What is its clarity grade? This simply tells you how many and what kind of flaws are in a stone, beginning with FL (Flawless Diamonds) and continuing down to an I diamond, which is obvious marred.

- What shape is it? For you guys who don't watch QVC, it could be, say, a marquise, or a brilliant or an emerald cut.

- What are the exact millimeter dimensions of the stone?

- Is this diamond accompanied by a grading report or certificate? It should be; fine diamonds have a paper trail that you're entitled to see.

If a retailer can't answer these questions or can't find out for you, be prepared to look elsewhere.

But be aware that most jewelers don't take the time to grade small stones, although .50 and .75 carat stones are now beginning to appear with information on color and clarity grades.

"Armed with all this information, it's now possible to shop for a good price on a diamond," Perry said. "Let's say one jeweler shows you a .45 carat; K color,



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While the traditional round solitaire remains the most popular choice for wedding rings, a selection of classic diamond engagement ring shapes exists to suit everyone's taste. Clockwise from the top, they're the emerald cut, the oval, the pear, the marquise and the brilliant round.

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Of course, the only way you know you're getting straight information is by the reputation of the person selling you the diamond. For that reason, price alone is an unreliable measure of the value of a diamond.

"Jewelers do not all use the same retail markup," Matlin explained. "Markup depends upon operating costs and credit risks, among other things. The best way to select wisely is by shopping around."

How long as the firm been in business? What are the gemological credentials of the jeweler. How would you describe the store window? What about the overall atmosphere? What's the policy on returns? Do they guarantee their merchandise?

"A trustworthy jeweler will have no problem giving you the information you request," Matlin said. "In writing."

That said, does a wedding ring have to be a diamond? "While the diamond is the traditional engagement ring, other precious stones such as emeralds, rubies or sapphires may be used," write Rayburn and Rose



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Ann Ray in "The Groom's Wedding Guidebook" (J.M. Publications, \$6.95). "Your bride-to-be may actually prefer a jeweled necklace or a bracelet to a ring."

"Your fiancée will love any ring you choose," Perry said. "However, she will love a diamond more."

"These days, purchasing an engagement ring has become an event to be shared by both the man and the woman," Rayburn Ray said. "It's not unromantic to ask her whether she prefers an expensive wedding band or a traditional engagement ring. Be honest with her if you don't have much money. In that case she might choose to wait for a diamond."

"Whether you wait or not, expect to spend some serious money. According to the National Bridal Service, nine-tenths of the brides in America receive an engagement ring with an average cost of over \$500."

"This amount will likely be greater than many young grooms can afford," Ray said. "In this situation, you can expect your girl to be more sentimental than mercenary. She may be delighted with your grandmother's opal or another family heirloom."

Rule of thumb: Buy as much ring as you can afford.

"You know how much you love your bride-to-be and you know how much you want to spend," Perry said. "Those facts have no relationship to each other, no matter how many full-page ads the diamond syndicates take out."

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More smart questions

□ Does this stone have a good make? What are the proportions of the stone, and how do they compare with the ideal stone? Remember that a diamond doesn't have to be perfect to be beautiful.

□ Does the stone show any fluorescence? If a diamond fluoresces blue when viewed in daylight or under day-light-type fluorescent light, it will appear to have better color than it actually has. That's OK. But a diamond may also fluoresce yellow, which means that in a certain light its color could appear worse than it actually is.

□ Will the jeweler let you view the stone against a dead white background? While blotter paper or a white business card will work. Look at the

stone against the white background so that you are observing it through the side, not down through a table. Tilt the stone toward a good light source. If the stone shows any yellow body tint when viewed through the girdle and if it's not colorless as an ice cube, it's not "white" or "colorless."

□ Will the jeweler clean the stone before you examine it? Cleaning will remove dirt, grease or indelible purple ink. For diamond, cleaning is best done by steaming or in an ultrasonic cleaner.

□ Will the jeweler patiently go over it with you again, this time in English? A good jeweler should explain through demonstration the traits of a particular stone; if he won't, there are plenty of other jewelers who will.

—Source: "Engagements and Wedding Rings," by Antoinette Matlin, Antonio Bonanno and Jane Crystal (Gemstone Press, \$14.95); "The Groom's Survival Manual," by Michael Perry (Pocket Books, \$12)

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Food always gets plenty of attention at weddings

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The organizer is tuning up. The bride looks lovely, the groom looks nervous. Let's get on with the business of the day. The eats. Oh, all right. Maybe this is one occasion where the food really isn't the most important part. Then again, if you're going to expect all these people to get dressed up and not forget their vows, you're going to have to feed them something.

Whether it's a simple cake-and-punch in the church fellowship hall or a sit-down dinner for 200, the food is one thing at a wedding that will get as much attention as the dress.

Althea Callaway of Charlotte, N.C., has seen both sides of the food question. At her own wedding, the food was at her parents' house. The food was simple and homemade: finger foods, mints and nuts, pecan trais.

When her daughter, Anna Callaway, married Jeff Sturm earlier this year, the reception was at the Morehead Inn and the food was catered — roast beef, pasta bar, bacon-wrapped scallops.

Call it a culture clash. "I was all Southern," Callaway explained. "He's from Michigan. A Southern wedding is finger food. He came into the whole deal wanting a sit-down dinner. I

The dope on booze

Whether it's champagne or fruit punch, everybody will want to toast the bride. Remember these numbers for liquid refreshment.

- How much will you get?
 - 1 liter of alcohol:
 - 22 (1 1/2-ounce) drinks
 - 750-milliliter bottle of wine:
 - 6 (4-ounce) servings
 - 550-ml bottle of wine:
 - 12 (4-ounce) servings
 - One bottle champagne:
 - 6 servings
 - One case of champagne:
 - 72 servings
- How much will you need?
 - For 50 people, approximately 25 bottles of wine, or 6 quarts of punch, or 20 bottles of beer, or 8 bottles of alcohol.

said, "I've never even been to one." It's settled on a heavy cocktail buffet.

In this case, the Callaways had to go with catering by the Morehead Inn to order the reception there. And for a wedding of any size, going with a caterer is a wise move. But do-it-yourself, or even splitting some of the work with the caterer, is possible.

"I would consider it," said

Callaway. "That's the way, at least in my family, weddings have always been done."

How elaborate the food needs to be depends, in part, on the time of day. A late-morning wedding will end up with guests expecting lunch; mid-afternoon will make it easier to just let them eat cake. Late afternoon nudges you into cocktail hour, with an evening wedding still inevitably making a full dinner.

If finger food is on the menu, keep it simple. Skewers are easy to make in advance and easy for guests to handle. A few suggestions for threading: Cold tortellini marinated in Italian dressing; seasonal fruit with a simple dressing of plain yogurt, honey and poppy seeds; chicken strips marinated in teriyaki sauce, then broiled or grilled; boiled shrimp wrapped in blanched snow peas; cantaloupe and honeydew melon balls wrapped in prosciutto; cheese cubes and marinated mushrooms.

For lots of color with only a little work, look at vegetables. Asparagus can be blanched, quickly refreshed in ice water, then used for dipping or wrapped with prosciutto. Snow peas, hand-diced the same way, can be dipped or can be spiced and flavored with balsamic cheese. Endive leaves can be filled with dabs of dips.

It's easy to roll your eyes at finger sandwiches, but there's a reason they're popular. Depending on the filling, they can be made as much as a week in advance and frozen (but mayonnaise fillings don't freeze well). Pinwheels and ribbons are simple.

Both use cream cheese fillings: Beat softened cream cheese with marmalade and chopped pecans; or chopped dill, onion, pimiento; or chopped dates, nuts and lemon juice.

• **Pinwheels.** Use day-old, unsliced white bread. Cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch rectangular slices, then trim off crusts. Roll slices lightly to flatten, which makes them easier to handle. Spread each slice very thinly with softened butter or margarine, then spread with cream cheese filling. Along one long side, line up stuffed olives, or minced ham or smoked salmon. Roll up tightly. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill at least several hours to set up, or freeze. Cut into pinwheels with a very sharp knife.

• **Ribbons.** Use day-old unsliced white and dark bread. Make slices as you did for pinwheels, but trim off crusts, not flattening. Spread two white and one dark slice with a thin layer of margarine or butter, then spread

with flavored cream cheese. Sandwich with dark slice in the middle, then repeat with a second layer. Wrap tightly, in plastic wrap and chill or freeze. Slice into 2 1/2-by-1 3/4-by-1/2-inch slices, handling with a spatula.

Once the guests have emptied their plates, it's time for the big event of the day: the cake.

For a professional wedding cake, prices in the Charlotte, N.C., area begin at \$1.75 a serving and go up to \$4 a serving for elaborate fondant cakes, says Jackie Lago of A Cake in Time in Matthews, N.C. Most average \$2.50 a slice. If you have an ambitious friend who wants to bake the cake, be very grateful. Baking a wedding cake in a home kitchen can take at least 20 hours, or about a week of work, says Lago.

In the South, wedding cake generally means one thing on the outside: buttercream.

But Lago has found that she has to be careful what customers mean by buttercream. In other areas, buttercream means it's

made with pure butter. In the South, any white icing is called buttercream.

Inside, the cake has usually been pound cake, but that's changing. Once Lago mentions flavors, brides-to-be get excited: strawberry cake with whipped cream filling, white cake with flavored Bavarian cream filling. "Then it really gets to be fun."

But the real creativity comes with the groom's cake. "It used to be that the groom's cake was something you put in the back of the hall and as people were leaving, they'd slice a piece and take home."

But now groom's cakes are more like elaborate birthday cakes that reflect the groom's hobbies. Lago has made football, and a house on fire for a firefighters wedding. Recently, she made one that looked like girl boxes with a "girl" coming out of one box. "In good taste, of course."

"So much has been done for the bride," Lago says. "It's nice to do something for the groom."

Here comes the cake ... all dressed in mousse

Chicago Tribune

The wedding reception approaches its zenith. The bride and groom stand at a table beside a breathtakingly beautiful wedding cake. All eyes are focused on the cake and as the first few glimpses are heard, followed by applause.

But one person's sigh is a sigh of sadness. The pastry chef, standing behind the wedding party, is not happy with his creation. To him, however, lovely the decoration, it is another opportunity missed. Let Sebastian Canonne, former pastry chef at Chicago's Ritz-Carlton Hotel, explain why.

"A wedding cake should be very refined," he declares. "The just firm spongecake covered with thick buttercream. But no one is thinking taste. There may be two or three tastings of the savory food before the menu is approved, but with the cake, all they do is look at some photographs. (Suddenly, when in hotels, the cake is produced by an outside firm or person specializing in wedding cakes.)"

Part of the reason, he explains, is logistical. The cake itself is a pastry skyscraper, made of several tiers that could reach 4 to 5 feet in height. Following the rules of construction and respecting the law of gravity are the highest priorities. The filling must be solid. The icing must function like cement.

"Furthermore," Canonne continues, "the wedding cake may go on view about 5 p.m. and not be eaten until 9 p.m. or later. A refined cake must suffer from standing three or four hours in a warm room. No one would do that in an appetizer."

Canonne and his partner in the French Pastry School in Chicago, Jacquy Pfeiffer, former pastry chef at the Sherry & Tones, have devised an alternative approach.

They would prepare two cakes, none.

The first would be the requisite, stausque wedding cake, created and decorated to catch eyes and turn heads. It would, however, be essentially a pseudo treat. Only one layer, the one to be cut into by the bride and groom, would contain edible cake. Under the decoration and frosting on the

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other layers would be a base of plastic foam.

The real wedding cake, "something incredible" in texture and taste, would be kept cool until serving time, then cut and portioned onto plates out of view of the wedding party. Soft delicacies such as whipped cream and fruit fillings would cause a wedding cake layer to slip or slide, could be employed. The cake could be more delicately textured than a typical sponge- or butter cake.

Recipes for re-creating two aspects of this novel, unique cake are offered below. Here are some of the cake's distinguishing features:

Instead of using the traditional round shape, they have constructed four distinct layers of cake, each in the shape of a triangle. The layers are separated by clear Plexiglas forms. This during innovative softens the points of the triangle and brings light into the cake. The exterior of each layer is decorated by spun and blown sugar accessories designed by the chefs, and the curved figures atop the cake are made of pastillage (a combination of powdered sugar, meringue and apricot glaze).

The icing will be a fluffy, delicate buttercream. The filling will be light and airy white spongecake layered with white chocolate mousse and apricot glaze.

Both Canonne and Pfeiffer are seasoned professionals, on the cutting edge of pastry design. Last year they represented the United States at an international pastry competition in Lyon, France. Their team placed second to Italy in a 26-nation field.

Soon after, they established the school and became freelance stylists and consultants. Courses are offered to professional bakers and dedicated amateurs.

The school, which opened last fall, offers a 20-week-pastry program and weekly courses as well.

There are beginning and advanced classes in sugar, chocolate, candy and plated desserts. There's also a five-day chocolate and sugar course. Other subjects are making ice cream and sorbet, fruit and vegetable carving, compote, fruit preservation and, of course, wedding cakes.

Home bakers with a yen to create a wedding cake from scratch should seek "The Cake Bible" by Rose Levy Beranbaum.

WHITE CHOCOLATE

(Makes about 4 cups)

- 7 ounces white chocolate, cut into small pieces
- 7 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 large egg yolks
- 4 large egg whites
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/4 cup superfine sugar
- 1. Melt the chocolate as follows: Melt the chocolate in a small pan, then dip the bottom of the warm pan into a bowl of cold water and stir until the chocolate begins to thicken. Immediately return the pan to the heat and gently warm the chocolate a second time, stirring until remelted.
- 2. Remove chocolate from the heat and use a wire whisk to stir in the melted butter. When smooth, beat in the egg yolks.
- 3. With an electric beater, whip the egg whites in a bowl until they begin to froth. Add cream of tartar and continue whipping until very stiff peaks form. Dust the sugar over the egg whites and continue whipping until meringue is smooth and silky, a few seconds longer.
- 4. Transfer the chocolate mixture to a medium bowl and, with a rubber spatula, thoroughly mix in about a third of the meringue. Gently fold in the remaining meringue. Use the mouse to fill a cake before it sets and becomes firm. As an alternative, portion into 4 dessert dishes and top with fruit before serving.

CHOCOLATE BUTTERCREAM

(Makes about 4 cups, enough to fill and frost an 8-inch cake)

- 2 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 10 large egg whites
- 17 tablespoons unsalted butter, Plugra brand recommended, softened to room temperature

8 1/2 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, melted

Note: If different flavors are desired, substitute for the chocolate either 2/3 cup praline paste; 1/4 cup coffee extract; or 1/4 cup rum or another alcohol.

1. Make an Italian meringue. Pour the sugar into a small saucepan with a heavy bottom and place the pan over low heat until the sugar has melted. Raise the heat and cook until temperature reaches 250 degrees on a candy thermometer.

2. Meanwhile, whip the egg whites on high to soft peaks with an electric mixer. After the whites reach the soft peak stage, keep the mixer on high and slowly pour the hot sugar into the bowl in a steady stream. Continue whipping until the bowl feels cool.

3. Lower speed to medium and add the softened butter in small pieces. Once the butter is absorbed, slowly add the chocolate or alternative flavoring.

4. Decorate the cake as soon as the buttercream is completed. Do not rewarm it.

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Veteran wedding planners offer tips

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Tips from three wedding planners:

• **William Howard, owner of Heart-Strings Event Planners, Charlotte, N.C.**

Have a budget and stick to it. Know where to cut corners (consider renting silk flowers instead of buying real ones, for example) and where not to ("Do not cut corners on your photography and your videography. Those are your memories, and you don't get a second chance.")

Get contracts with service providers: musicians, photographers, caterers, even your aunt if she's baking the cake. "A contract makes everybody aware of what the expectations are. That's a very busy day and everybody needs to be of one accord."

The wedding party should arrive early and dress at the church. "I always have my clients and their wedding party come 2 1/2 to 3 hours (early). We'll have some snacks. We have a relaxing day. Nobody's rushing to the church."

Dressing at the church avoids messing up clothing by sitting in cars. "We want wrinkle-free dresses and pants as you go down the aisle. The backs of people is what most people see most of the time."

• **Jo Huntington, recently retired after 32 years as wedding director Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.**

Huntington lets the bride decide which bridesmaids walk down the aisle with which groomsmen. "I learned a long time ago to let the bride place them. She knows them. She knows who's feuding with so-and-so."

Make sure the marriage license is in the minister's hands before the wedding. Years ago, Huntington recalls a wedding that started 50 minutes late

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The Times-News

Traditional tights: the evolution of wedding accessories:

• **The bridal gown** — A symbol of the bride's purity, the wedding gown was regarded as the outward sign of a worthy maiden. Since marriage was considered a union between two families, it was essential that the bride be an "honor" to both her family and her future husband's family.

As purity was valued above all else, great care was taken to present the bride as a protected, unspoiled and valuable treasure.

The white dress became her symbol of innocence.

The styling of the "modern" bridal gown can be attributed to Empress Eugenie, the bride of the French emperor Napoleon III. As a leader of fashion, she wore what was to become a worldwide style as she wed the French leader, rather than the customary wedding finery.

• **The tuxedo** — Fashioned after a coat worn by the Prince of Wales, Grosvenor Lorillard, an American tobacco heir, in 1886 wore a tailless black dinner jacket to an autumn ball in Tuxedo, N.J., and sent his contemporaries into a spin.

• **The bridal veil** — Traced back to superstitious Roman ceremonies, the veil was originally used to confuse evil spirits that might be jealous of the new couple's happiness. By covering the woman's face, they averted recognition and although the fear no longer exists, beautiful veils are used by many contemporary brides.

• **The garter** — In the days of silk stockings, this accessory was a necessity. Considered fair sport and good luck in old England to

steal the garter and stockings before the ceremony, young unmarried gentlemen took the challenge seriously. The throwing of the garter evolved to prevent the embarrassment of the overturned young lady.

• **The bridal purse** — Traditionally matching the bridal gown, this useful accessory was also a part of the traditional "dollar dance." "Buying" a new dance from the new bride by "secretly" slipping cash into her purse helped the young woman acquire "pin money" to start her household.

• **Bridesmaids, dresses, groomsmen** — Ancient times found young women kidnapped and held as prisoners until they accepted their new life. This evolved into the groom being expected to capture his intended. So the young woman would surround herself with friends for protection and he would gather up his friends to help in the abduction. Soon, stealing the bride became a fun ritual, the bride's "maids" dressing identically like the bride to confuse the men.

• **The ring** — The symbols of unending love and fidelity, the origin of the ring can be traced back to the Egyptians who presented their brides circles of hemp or rush every year.

• **The ring pillow** — All through history, ornate pillows have been used to present crowns to royalty. Placing the rings prominently on a pillow is the most honored way to present the most cherished of all gifts.

• **The flower girl's basket** — To insure the bride a happy and bright life in old England, the entire bridal party would walk behind a small girl tossing flowers all the way to the church.

• **The guest book** — Originally all guests were considered wit-

nesses to the wedding and would sign the marriage document. Today, only two witnesses are required and the guest book has

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because the bride forgot the license. "I demand that it's in (the minister's) hands or mine at rehearsal time."

Be prompt. If the wedding's supposed to start at 4 p.m., the bride's mother should be seated by then. To make things go smoothly, Huntington recommends making a list of all the things you need to bring from your house and "scotch tape" that to the door you're going out of. You wouldn't believe how that's cut down on forgotten stuff."

• **Betty Peck, wedding coordinator at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N.C., for 45 years:**

If you plan a church wedding, talk with the minister early to make sure you understand the rules about music, flowers and photographers. At Covenant, photographers are not allowed to take pictures during the service, but Peck said she has had more than one fight with a photographer who was determined to do so. Only sacred music is allowed, no popular or operatic songs. The use of flowers is limited. They can't be attached to pews. "Once the wedding has been brought into the church, it becomes a service of worship. Many, many brides and grooms don't seem to realize that."

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How to get the wedding photos and videos you want

Picture this:

Look at the wedding samples by several photographers and videographers before deciding who you want to hire.

Take time to talk to potential photographers to make sure they won't be offensive to your guests, or for that matter, to you. People have to like the photographer or you'll get an album full of scowls and puffy smiles.

Be sure your photographer and videographer understand what you want. You may want to be fairly specific, for example, about the percentage of candid and formal images you want taken at your wedding.

Photographers are on the clock at the wedding and the reception. They work for you; don't be shy about telling them — then and there — what to do.

If you want a full range of formal family shots, consider doing them before the ceremony, since you don't want to lose the feeling you have after the ceremony and delay your arrival at the celebration.

Introduce the photographer to members of the wedding party and the immediate family, so you don't end up with an album full of candid of Cousin Geoffrey's date.

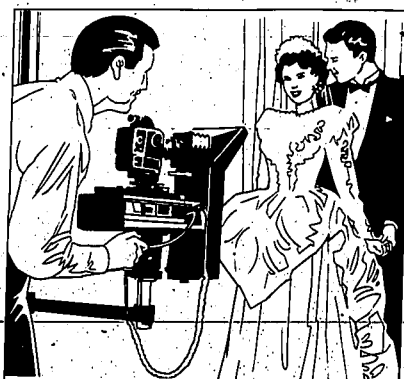
Provide your photographer and videographer with a brief list of moments, individuals and groups you want recorded at the ceremony and reception.

If a photographer gives you just one cost estimate, always ask for a detailed breakdown.

If the photographer or videographer is unfamiliar with your wedding and reception sites, suggest that he or she visit the sites a week or two before the wedding.

Make sure you, and not the photographer, owns the negatives. If you don't, be sure to arrange to buy them in advance.

If you have a long list of family members and friends to be included, ask a friend of family member who knows the key players in both your own and your bridegroom's family to point out key individual to the



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photographer and videographer.

If you are worried that your photographer or videographer will not shoot enough film or tape, offer to pay for extra. In the final analysis, once you have hired a photographer and videographer, film or tape is the least expensive part of the job.

If you want photographic portraits, think about possible sites at the ceremony and celebration and in your area. You may want to have portraits made after the wedding ceremony on another day in order to get something unusual and special.

Always have a Plan B: somebody else at the wedding with a camera, just in case your hired photographer doesn't show up.

For special effects in a video, consider adding childhood photographs, family scenes at various ages, and parents' wedding photographs.

To get a fairly accurate record of guests, ask the photographer to shoot about the same number of guests as you have guests at the wedding.

When you arrange your own photo processing, you will not want to entrust the film or negatives to the corner drug store processor. Instead, get recommendations or professional-caliber processor to handle every step of developing and printing. The difference in quality is significant.

Source: "Weddings for Grownups," by Carroll Stoner (Chronicle Books, \$17.95); "How to Have the Wedding You Want (Not the One Everybody Else Wants You to Have)" (Berkeley Books, \$12)

How come there's no movie called 'Father of the Groom?'

I put pencil to matchbook cover the other day to figure out what I'm going to have to pay for if my son up and gets themselves hitched. Felt pretty danged bad about it too, until I compared that bill with my neighbor Barney's, who has two daughters — one married, the other about to be.

Here's the balance sheet:

1. Sit-down dinner for 200.
2. Wedding cake.
3. Music for reception.
4. Honeymoon in Antigua.
5. Wedding dress.
6. The bride's trousseau.
7. Champagne punch.
8. Fees for preacher.
9. Flowers.
10. Limousine.
11. Soloist.
12. Photographic portraits.
13. Caterer.
14. Bridal consultant.
15. Lingerie.
16. Crab cocktails.
17. Baron of beef.
18. Shoes and rice.
19. "Oh, Promise Me."
20. Security.

My expenses:
1. Whippers for four.
2. Struck tape of Ferlin Husky.
3. Line-dance at Honker's.
4. Clip-on string tie.
5. Clip-on string tie.
6. Stolen drinks from the luncheon in the hotel room.
7. Trick water-squirting corsage from the novelty store.
8. Repo fee and two late payments on the pickup.
9. Karaokeist.
10. Velvet Elvis.
11. Towel up for the Domino's guy.
12. Unsolicited advice from Aunt Florinda.
13. Union suit.
14. Crab cocktails.
15. Baron of Beef-a-roni.
16. Sneakers and tap shoes.
17. "Dang Me."
18. Bail for Cousin Bubba.
19. I showed this here list to Barney, and he got pretty perturbed.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Claimed an X-chromosome was a damned poor reason to drive a father to Spam casserole and the second shift at Circle K.
Can't credit that, myself. Long after Barney's daughters Donna and Marilyn have lives, careers and paychecks, I'm still gonna be payin' for my sons' car insurance.

Shoot, Barney's only gotta stew about the eight fella comin' along. I gotta worry about the wrong fella comin' along with the right shotgun.

Fact is: boys is just harder to raise up than girls out here in God's Own Country, so I don't rock on Barney's second mortgage and maxed-out credit cards are all that much of an injustice.
Look, when his oldest daughter fled the nest, I left just him, his wife and Marilyn.
After my oldest kid left home, I left just us, our son and Marilyn Manson.

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WEDDINGS

Bank accounts are getting married too

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Love and passion reach the couple to the altar, but they don't pay the rent.

Marriage is a business relationship as well as a love relationship, says Victor Woodhouse, author, attorney and financial advisor. "Although marriage can be romantic, it is not about romance. It is a partnership, and finances are an important part of the equation."

"Unfortunately, most couples avoid talking about money — a critical and potentially explosive mistake when you consider that money is one of the most commonly known problems in relationships."

It may not be a romantic exercise to exchange financial information before exchanging vows, but it can save a lot of grief later on, she suggests. Woodhouse recommends exchanging tax returns, check registers, financial statements, pay stubs and similar items for the past three years. Also get and exchange credit reports; when you marry you'll inherit your spouse's credit history.

Next, compare expenses, previous income tax obligations and liabilities, credit card debts, student, car or other loans and any other monetary obligations.

Then, compare employment benefits, including retirement plans and health insurance.

Woodhouse recommends the couple develop and commit to a budget plan to set the stage for the financial side of marriage. Hold "money meetings" to plan strategy, set personal and financial goals and agree to the sacrifices each will assume to meet those goals. You'll also need to set up your financial part-

Ringin' it up

When's the last time you got married? Things have changed. Weddings cost more than ever (\$19,104 on average last year, up \$4,000 since 1990). Professional videography has become "de rigueur," says a spokeswoman for Bride's magazine, and more couples are hiring a DJ for the reception rather than a more expensive live band.

She also notes a trend toward "personalized ceremonies" — deep-sea divers marrying on shipboard, hikers exchanging vows on a peak. And who's picking up the tab has shifted.

Traditionally, most weddings were paid for by the bride's family. Today 19 percent are financed solely from that source, according to a survey of 5,000 readers in the current Bride's. Most weddings — 53 percent — are funded by both sets of parents and the couple, and 27 percent by the newlyweds.

The phonebook-size issue bills itself as the "largest consumer magazine ever published" — 1,160 pages, more than four pounds. February/March is traditionally the biggest issue of the year, says associate editor Cynthia Edmunds, partly because so many people get engaged around the holidays.

Partnership arrangement for sharing or dividing financial responsibility.

These plans will take into account lifestyle choices, personal needs, savings and spending habits, credit card use and whether to maintain separate or joint checking accounts. You should agree on a savings plan and how much

to set aside for a home, car, taxes, and other big-ticket items. If you're marrying for the second time, you have a different set of money issues, Woodhouse says. Those who remarry are usually older and have "spit years" building financial assets, she observes. "It's natural to want to protect what you've worked so hard to build."

Children from previous marriages and other financial obligations also have to be considered.

Woodhouse recommends prenuptial agreements. "A prenuptial agreement is a means of communication. The document, although not legally enforceable, forces people to make decisions while their ability to give and take is at its highest."

A "prenup" should be considered if one spouse is wealthier than the other; if one gives up income for marriage (spousal support, pension, social security, retirement benefits); to head off the possibility of future claims of one against the other; to protect the children.

The agreement can cover everything from real-estate to stock holdings (including designation of a portfolio manager); it also can address issues such as how children will be cared for, who will be responsible for their upbringing, who will work outside the home.

Those in second or later marriages need to look at their debts, assets, what each person owns or owes and analyze the estates and sources of income for each. Financial protection of the children or stepchildren needs to be taken into account — establishing trusts, wills, custodial accounts, insurance, outright gifts, and so on.

Engaged couples should discuss financial matters

Knight-Ridder News Service

Barbara Robinson could tell some interesting stories about married couples getting themselves into deep disputes over money. But she won't, since those tales were told in confidence.

Robinson, the director of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of United Financial Services in Charlotte, N.C., can offer some advice about financial matters that engaged couples should talk over before the wedding.

"Just like any issue ... they need to be open and up front about their finances," said Robinson, whose not-for-profit agency advises people in trouble with creditors.

Here are some issues Robinson says couples should think about: Will you keep separate accounts, or combine them? Robinson urges each partner to maintain some separate credit — an individual bank account or credit card, for example. In the event of a divorce, that will make it easier for both people to re-establish separate finances.

If one person is a spendthrift and the other a saver, come up with a plan to address that potential conflict. "It's OK to be different, but each person needs to be aware of what that difference is."

Get copies of both individuals'

credit reports. That will tell you whether your mate has had credit problems.

Once married, share information about both household and individual finances. Even if you keep separate accounts, or one person handles the money, if one spouse becomes ill or disabled, the healthy spouse will need that information.

If both spouses work and you keep separate accounts, will you split bills proportionally to each person's income, or split bills evenly?

Who will be responsible for writing checks and paying bills? Set long-term financial goals.

Are you saving for a home or for children? Plan for it. Plan for emergencies, illnesses, even the disability of one spouse.

With a plan, you'll have more control over the financial strains that will result.

Evaluate each person's job benefits to make sure you've got the best available deal. For example, make sure you're not paying double for health benefits. One person's health plan may have a very low premium for a spouse, but the benefits may be poor.

After the wedding, "hold off on major purchases, and always discuss them," Robinson said. "Never make a major purchase without discussing it with your spouse."

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Wedding vows should be more than an oath

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

"Be it moon, or sun, or what you please,
Henceforth, I vow it shall be so
for me."

—William
Shakespeare,
"The Taming of
the Shrew"

TWIN FALLS—Take the vows out of a wedding ceremony, and your folks are spending \$20,000 for a garden party.

"Technically, the exchange of vows is the wedding," says Peg Kehret, author of "Wedding Vows: How to Express Your Love in Your Own Words" (Merriweather Publishing Co., \$10.95). "Most couples would not dream of going to their own wedding without knowing exactly what they will wear. Surely the wedding vows deserve at least as much consideration as less important matters."

More than half of married couples now depart at least some from the script of the familiar "Dearly Beloved," ceremony that passed down from the Church of England into civil and religious usage in the United States. And while the golden age of free-form wedding ceremonies peaked in the '70s, freeline vows are still common.

"Our vows are more than a bouquet of pretty words spoken in the presence of your witnesses," writes Daphne Rose Kingma, author of "Weddings from the Heart" (Conari Press, \$9.95). "They are your heartfelt spoken promises of what you are willing to do for one another under the circumstances, and for what length of time. As you speak these words, you are making yourself accountable."

As such, wedding vows ought to be read in their entirety by the bride and the groom, not repeated after the officiant, Kingma said.

"Reading them yourselves will more deeply connect you to their meaning, and because you are making these promises in the presence of witnesses, they will take on an even greater significance."

Fair enough, but what do you say? It's your call, but it's important to remember that when you're writing vows, you're also setting the tone of wedding. And the ceremony should contain three elements, Kingma says:

• Something about your relationship. Who are you and who are you spouse-to-be? What do you think? How do you feel?



Something about marriage. What does it mean to the two of you?

• Something about your style, your view of the world and your place in it. "A theatrical performance, an intimate conversation, a religious ritual, a carnival or festival, a gathering of clans, a formal social event?"

"A wedding is the one occasion when most people dare to be openly sentimental," Kehret writes. "On that day of days, no one will scoff if you speak honestly about the depth of your love."

That said, don't use your vows as an occasion to grudge, she said — and be positive. "I will promise: never to be unfaithful to you," for example, implies that you might someday have reason to be.

And, she added, expect your marriage to last.

"Some couples try to hedge their bets by writing vows which allow them to escape if the marriage doesn't last," she said. "For example, they promise to stay together as long as we both shall love." A wedding ceremony is no place for uncertainty. N bride or groom who suspects the marriage might not work out would be wise to postpone the wedding until all doubts are gone.

But remember, that creativity isn't a cross to bear. If you're more comfortable with traditional wedding vows, go with them.

"Using traditional vows doesn't make you less committed, or mean you're less creative," says Danielle Clara, author of "How to Have the Wedding You Want (Not the One Everybody Else Wants You to Have)." Berkeley Books (\$12). "There's a certain romance to the simple and familiar words used for millennia to signify a union between two people.

Vow-writing 101

- **Wedding vows are not a dialogue:** they're a soliloquy — the act of speaking up for oneself. The purpose here is to proclaim, not persuade. Vows should come from the heart.
- **Vows have a logical progression.** "I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you. I make this vow gladly. I loved you before this ceremony, I love you more because of it."
- **Shorter is better,** but there's no such thing as a standard format for wedding vows. Say what you need to say in the way you need to say it.
- **There is such a thing as being pretentious with wedding vows,** but it's impossible to be too eloquent: The words should come from the emotions you feel, and if you're in love, you feel them deeply.
- **Loss the quotes from famous dead people.** Nobody at your wedding particularly

cares what Emily Dickinson thought about love; you're the one getting married.

- **Negotiate and revise.** Use any other piece of creative writing. Vows get better the more you work at them.
- **Read your vows out loud.** Change anything that seems awkward.
- **Make copies.** And be sure you give one to whoever is performing the ceremony.
- **Practice, practice, practice.** Ever given a speech without saying it out loud first? Then know the perils of winging it.
- **Speak up.** It's a very bad form to mumble your wedding vows. If you really mean what you say, then proclaim it to the world.

—Source: "Wedding Vows," by Peg Kehret (Merriweather Publishing Ltd., \$10.95), and "Weddings from the Heart," by Daphne Rose Kingma (Conari Press, \$9.95)

their vows into each other's ears.

—That's the most extreme version of excluding the congregation that I've ever heard of," Clara said.

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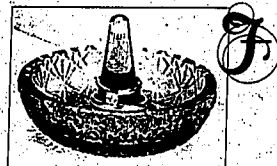
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WEDDINGS

Brides look to Jackie O's simple elegance for inspiration.

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Ever since Carolyn Bessette Kennedy wed America's most desired bachelor last September wearing a simple slip of a wedding dress, fashion insiders have dubbed the look a harbinger of bridal images to come.

The pundits have not been too far off the mark. Brides are opting for simpler dresses, but there has not been a great demand for replicas of Kennedys \$40,000 floor-length, silk crepe slip dress.

But brides are showing a fondness for the simple elegance made popular by another Kennedy woman.

"The styles are leaning toward the Jackie-O look," says Jennifer Ballew, a manager at the Bridal Mart Center by Kristy Lynn, in Charlotte, N.C.

"Very simple, very tailored, not very ornate at all."

The 1950s elegance of Jackie Onassis, Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn became popular in ready-to-wear a couple of years ago and has now moved into bridal fashions: simple A-line and princess shapes, empire waists and sleeveless gowns just right for formal elbow-length gloves.

Matte satin and raw silk are preferred over the shinier satins, says Ballew; minimal pearl trimming is chosen more often than elaborate beads and sequin embroidery.

"We sell a lot of dresses that are plain satin with pearls around the waistline or neckline," she says.

Simple headbands or back bows — often with a touch of color — hold the veil.

"One trend we see is that comfort is the real deciding factor for



Many contemporary brides are older and opt for simple elegance, such as this dress. The fourly silk crepe column with sheer long sleeves and silver crystals beaded on the lace bodice is from Amsale.

AP photo

brides' headpieces," says Terri O'Connell, spokeswoman for David's Bridal.

"Headbands are more comfortable and can be used the way you normally wear your hair."

Time savers

Here are ways to save precious hours' days and weeks:

- **Be prepared make quick decisions.** Go to each interview ready to sign a contract and leave a deposit. If you want to think about your choices for a day or two to avoid making a mistake, set your own deadlines and stick with them.
- **Limit the amount of comparison shopping.** You don't really have to interview six florists if you like the one you visited first or second and are confident of that person's design and delivery skills, as well as price.
- **Split the work.** It takes two to get

married. Your bridegroom can interview photographers while you see florists. You visit sites together, but he is responsible for the music while you decision on invitation.

- **Never second-guess yourself.** Be positive about your choices. Once you've selected a site, stop thinking about other, better locations.
- **Hire help** or get a friend or family member's promise to help, especially on your wedding day. If you hire a professional find her early in the process.

— From "Weddings for Dummies," by Carol Stover (Chronicle Books, \$17.95)

Comfort is also key to men in the wedding party. Instead of the traditional bow tie with their tuxedos, they are favoring button covers with banded collar or crossover collar shirts.

Sensitive brides are trying to simplify wedding participation for attendants. It's becoming popular for the bride to choose a color, fabric and length for the bridesmaids' dresses and allow each bridesmaid to select her style.

"We all started with the black dress," says O'Connell. "A lot of brides were saying, 'OK, every-

body wear a black dress. It doesn't matter what style as long as it's black.'"

Simple, straight-cut bridesmaids dresses can be shortened and worn again. Two-piece outfits — skirt and jacket or dress and jacket — are popular for the same reason.

Apparently, this appreciation of simplicity reflects the maturing of the American bride. First-time brides are older now; the average age is 26. They are less

likely than the younger brides of yesterday to care about uniformity in wedding attire, says O'Connell. They want elegance, but they want it simple and comfortable.

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- Shop together for wedding rings.
- Determine the size of the guest list.
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- Decide on your color scheme.
- Select wedding attendants, yours and his.
- Determine sizes for all attendants.
- Choose your dress and headpiece.
- Schedule fittings and delivery date.

- Choose bridesmaids' dresses and accessories.
- Start planning for your honeymoon.
- Discuss where you will live after the wedding.
- Choose music for the ceremony.

6 to 9 months before

- Announce your engagement in the newspaper.
- Register your preferences at the bridal registries of your choice.
- Maintain records of all gifts received and send thank-you notes immediately upon receipt of your gifts.
- Select a florist and/or balloonist and discuss color schemes.
- Begin shopping for men's wedding attire.

4 to 6 months before

- Start health and fitness program.
- Order invitations and other related stationery needs.
- Complete your guest list.
- Help both mothers coordinate and select their dresses.
- Ensure that all bridal attire has been ordered.
- Begin shopping for trousseau.
- Check blood test and marriage license requirements.
- Experiment with hairstyle and cut.
- Select baker and order wedding cake, groom's cake and mints.

2 to 3 months before

- Choose the men's wedding
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Sat-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:00-9:15
Richer or Poorer (m) Daily 7:15-9:30
Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30
Titanic (m) Daily 7:15
Sat-Sun 12:15-4:00-7:15

TIM ALLEN KIRSTIE ALLEY
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Daily 7:15-9:30 (m)
Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30

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SPICE WORLD
(m)

Deconstructing Harry
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PHANTOMS
Nothing is more terrifying than the unknown.
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Titanic (m) Daily 7:15
Sat-Sun 12:15-4:00-7:15
Star Kid (m) Daily 7:00
Sat-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:00
Tomorrow Never Dies (m) Daily 6:45-9:30
Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30
Mousehunt (m) Daily 7:00-9:15
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Phantoms (m) Daily 7:30-9:45
Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:30-9:45
Fallen (m) Daily 7:15-9:45
Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:45

WEDDING

If you're honeymoon bound, airline fares are low now

Newsday

In the airline industry this is what's known as the Silly Season.

If you can't figure out why, you haven't been paying attention to the plummeting air fares offered by carriers, trying to drum up business in the typically slow period between New Year's and spring break. Even warm destinations have been briefly on sale in hopes of luring northerners south during an unusually balmy January. But it's Europe-bound airlines that really pull out all the stops to compete for reluctant off-season tourists.

Witness the rock-bottom \$198 round trip being offered by American Airlines, British Airways and Virgin Atlantic between New York and London.

As of last week, Virgin's next-best fare for travelers who was a 45-day advance-purchase rate of \$318 round trip through March 14. But an interim sale price "in the \$200s" was already

Budget travel tips from all over

□ **Pacific Northwest Wine Festival**, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, at the Empress hotel in Victoria, British Columbia, highlights wines from over 45 wineries at British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Secret Season package at hotel, about \$113/double, includes overnight accommodations and breakfast. 1-800-441-1414.

□ **Quality Hotel Airport** in Los Angeles offers a car package through March 31. From \$89.95/night/single or double, includes airport shuttle, accommodations in Executive

Level room, breakfast, in-room coffee maker, local phone calls. Enterprise Rent-A-Car with free miles for full day. 1-800-228-5151.

□ **Comfort Inn Munras Ave.** in Monterey, Calif., offers an Aquarium/Dinner package through May 2. From \$102/night/double, includes accommodations (king size bed), breakfast, two tickets to Monterey Bay Aquarium, \$40 dinner certificate to Old Fisherman's Grotto. 1-800-228-5150.

—New York Daily News

being predicted by one fare analyst for the carrier.

British Airways stands ready.

"This is the 14th in a series of 'World Offers,'" a spokeswoman said, referring to the current sale. "We've found they're a good way to move inventory and get

discretionary travelers — those who wouldn't have gone otherwise — so we do it every few months. There's lots of one-on-one travel now in air fares, and it's really changed the way we do business."

Things may seem a little crazy, with fares sometimes changing every day as

airlines constantly match, undercut, then rematch competitors. But with limited seats at such low rates, this may be one time it pays to leap before you look too long.

A romantic Valentine's getaway? Go Ahead vacations is offering four-night packages to Paris Feb. 12 to 16 starting at \$95, including round-trip air fare, first-class accommodations, escorted airport transfers and all breakfasts. Extra days are possible at an additional fee. Call 800-206-9861.

In a party mood? The celebration that Americans know as Mardi Gras is called Carnival in France, and there's no bigger bash there than the one in Nice. This Riviera city has scheduled events from Feb. 14 to March 1. The local tourist board is promoting five-night packages with lodging, daily American breakfast, welcome gifts, three tickets to Carnival events and free entrance to the Carnival party held each Monday night. The guaranteed-in-dollars rate

per person, double, is \$260 in three-star hotels, \$330 in four-star hotels. In conjunction with the package, Delta Airlines — which flies nonstop from New York to Nice — is offering a special rate of \$358 round trip through March 1. Call the tourist office for details at 800-847-4249.

Icelandair last week had a \$238 round-trip fare until Feb. 14 (then \$298 through March) to Luxembourg — which the airline points out is next door to Germany, France, Belgium and Holland. Ticketing must be completed by Jan. 31. Flights go via Iceland, and stopovers of up to three days there are permitted in either direction (reservationist's tip: Stop on the return to better ease back into your normal time zone). Call 800-223-5500.

Check travel agents for these and more. Expect the sales to last another week or two — or until they draw enough new bookings. But don't look for fares lower than those right now.



Photo courtesy: Florist: Renee Magallon

You should choose a florist at least six months before your wedding date, and discuss color schemes and your bridal bouquet.

Countdown

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attire and reserve the right sizes.

• Start addressing invitations and announcements.

• Purchase accessories such as toasting goblets, ring pillow, garter, candles, etc.

• Confirm all details with your hired professionals.

• Confirm ceremony details with your officiant.

• Arrange rehearsal details.

• Plan rehearsal dinner.

• Plan attendants' parties.

• Choose responsible person to attend your guest book.

• Make appointment with your hairdresser.

• Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants and guests.

• Finalize honeymoon plans.

One month before

• Finish addressing invitations and mail them four weeks before the wedding.

• Get blood test and marriage license.

• Have your final dress fitting.

• Have formal bridal portrait done.

• Have final fitting for wedding attendants.

• Purchase gifts for wedding participants.

• Purchase gift for fiancé.

• Complete shopping for your trousseau.

• Have attendants' parties.

• Purchase going-away outfit.

• Ensure and your accessories are in order — toasting goblets, garter, candles, ring pillow, etc.

• Finalize rehearsal dinner details.

• Make a calendar of events for your wedding day.

• Draw a map to direct guests to the ceremony and reception sites, if necessary.

2 weeks before

• Finish addressing announcements to be mailed on your wedding day.

• Contact guests who have not responded.

• Pick up the wedding rings and give him a list of special pictures you want taken.

• Meet with videographer and give him a list of special events or people you want in the videotape.

• Meet with disc jockey and give him a list of special music to be played that night.

• Continue writing thank-you notes for gifts received.

One week before

• Provide the caterer with the

total guest count and confirm all details.

• Provide your wedding party and out-of-town guests with timetables and maps, if necessary, for rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception.

• Review details of last-minute arrangements and timetables with all service companies.

• Plan seating arrangements, if used.

• Confirm all honeymoon reservations and accommodations.

• Make sure you have your marriage license.

• Pick up wedding attire and make sure everything fits properly.

• Keep writing thank-you notes for gifts received.

• Pack your suitcase for your honeymoon.

• Rehearse wedding ceremony with all participants in attendance.

• Attend rehearsal dinner.

• Give the best man the officiator's fee and instruct him to deliver it on the day of the wedding.

• Get a good night's sleep the night before your wedding day.

On the wedding day

• Remain calm and try to relax.

• Don't forget to bring your wedding rings and marriage license.

• Check with florist to ensure flowers will arrive on time.

• Apply makeup and style your hair slowly.

• Start dressing 1 1/2 hours before the ceremony; the entire wedding party should be dressed and ready about two hours before the ceremony begins.

• Have guests seated as they arrive.

• Groom's parents should be seated five minutes before the ceremony begins.

• The bride's mother should be seated immediately before the processional and before the aisle-runner is rolled out.

After the wedding

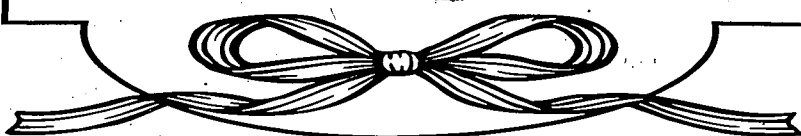
• Write and mail all thank-you notes as soon as possible.

• Take care of business and legal affairs. (Change names, if necessary, on records and legal documents.)

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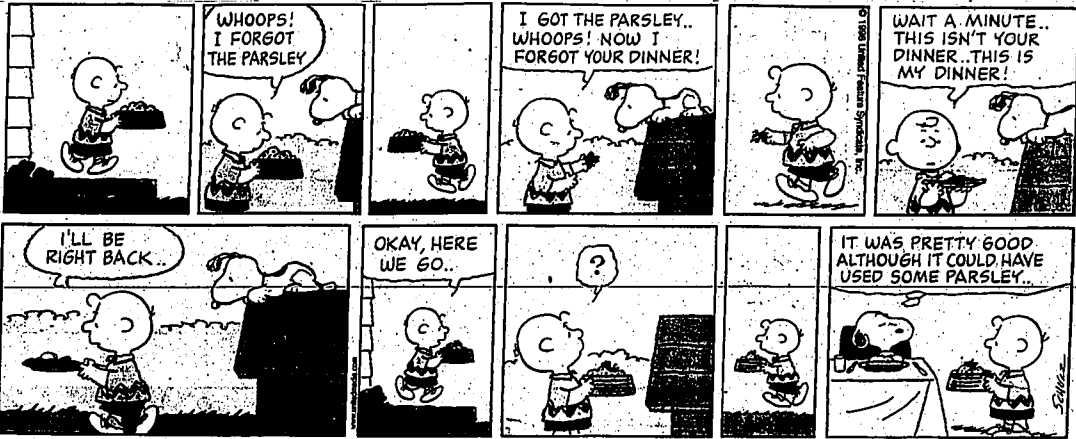
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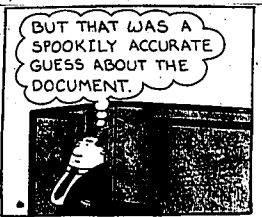
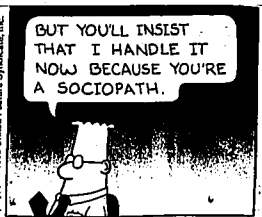
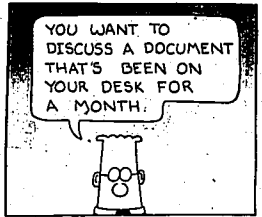
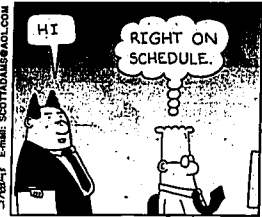


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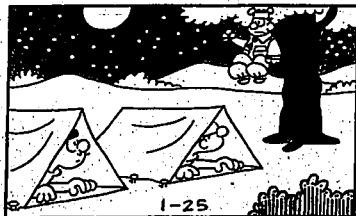
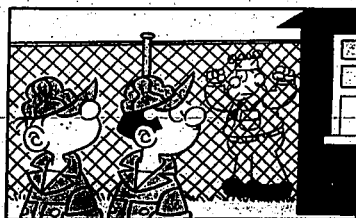
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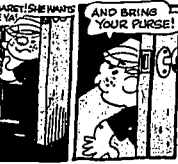
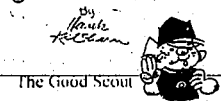
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Dennis the Menace

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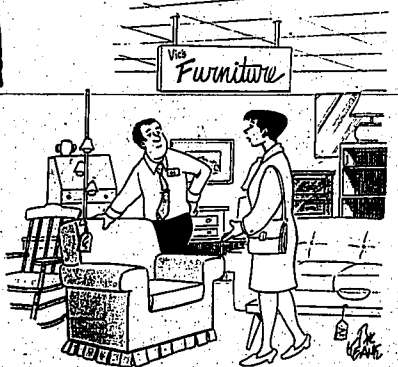
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When you miss a simple putt and you mutter:

IT'S APPARENT YOU'RE A PARENT...

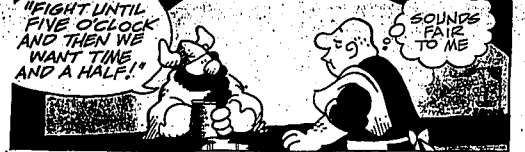


When you hum to yourself and the tune is "Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb..."

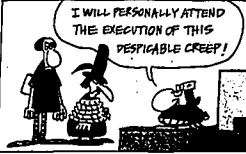


When your first question is: "Is the fabric washable?"

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the horrible
by DIK BROWNE



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FRANK & ERNIE

MY FRIEND ERNIE IS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FOOTBALL FANATIC AND TODAY IS HIS BIG DAY--
SUPER SUNDAY!

WHAT A PLAY! GO, GO, GO!

SO, HOW'S IT GOING, ERNIE?

INCREDIBLE!!! I'VE SEEN PUNT RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWNS, LONG BOMBS, VICIOUS TACKLES, EXPERT ANALYSIS AND DYNAMITE MARCHING BANDS! SO FAR, IT'S BEEN THREE FULL HOURS OF NONSTOP ACTION!!

SEE WHAT I MEAN?

IT SOUNDS EXCITING, ERNIE! DO YOU THINK IT'LL GO DOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE SUPER BOWLS OF ALL TIME?

HOW WOULD I KNOW?

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OF COURSE WE ARE!

WE'VE TAKEN THE TIME TO REALLY LEARN ABOUT THE GAME!

WE'VE STUDIED THE RULES... READ UP ON THE PLAYERS...

WE'VE WATCHED AND LISTENED AND FINALLY REALLY KNOW WHAT FOOTBALL'S ALL ABOUT!

...AND BECAUSE WE DO, WE COMPLETELY APPRECIATE WHY EVERYONE'S SO EXCITED ABOUT TODAY...

IT'S THE LAST GAME OF THE SEASON FOR THIS STUPID SPORT!!!

..THE THANKS WE GET FOR TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THEIR WORLD.

WHY ELSE WOULD EVERYONE BE HAVING A BIG PARTY TODAY?

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SUPERBOWL TICKETS!

THAT'S AN EASY CHOICE... SINCE I DON'T BOWL, I'LL TAKE THE SOUP TICKETS.

HI MOM!

HI MOM!

PUNT!

HI MOM!

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THE BORN LOSER



by Art & Chip Sansom

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NOT A CD PLAYER LIKE THIS ONE!

ONE CD PLAYER PLAYS CDS AS WELL AS THE NEXT ONE! WE DON'T NEED A BUNCH OF USELESS MINOR FEATURES!

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Special Correspondent

Eddie Adams decided

to explore the changing

roles and opportunities

for some of our citizens.

While women have

contributed mightily

and substantially

through the past 100

years, only in recent

decades have certain

jobs been opened to

them. Adams selected

five women to profile.

Each has her own

goals and dreams.

Each lives the life

she chooses.



Stacey Swayze,
JOCKEY

Stacey Swayze, 27, has ridden the big Thoroughbreds in more than 2500 races at tracks in Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. Women riders, she says, "are usually better off in the East," but she won't go there because it's too cold. She is 5 feet 1 and weighs 104, and her picture appeared in *Playboy* last year.

"The men down here have trouble with women racing horses," says Stacey. "I've had a few get very ugly with me. They can't stand getting beat by a girl. I've started a book about this, and it's going to be pretty juicy. I'm going to step on some toes. I've loved the horses, but I didn't like a lot of the people. Horses and jockeys are disposable in the trainers' eyes."

In the six-month season, Stacey rides three races daily, five days a week. She earns \$40 per race and 10 percent of any winnings. She has had "five pretty bad spills" and went in earlier this month for her third operation on her shoulder, injured when she was run over by a horse in 1994. "I can't do this forever," she says. "I don't want to be a broken-down jockey forced to live in a horse trailer." In January, she will start attending junior college in Victoria, Tex., where she lives on her parents' farm and cares for the 15 horses she keeps there.

Her advice to girls who want to race: "It's something you really want to do, something you love with all your heart, do it. You do things for you, not for somebody else. Just because I'm female doesn't mean I'm limited."



Kathy Collins, BOXER

In 1990, Kathy Collins didn't like her job, and she weighed 240 pounds. "I was a scattered 30-year-old," she says. Then one day in 1993 she walked into the Academy of Boxing for Women in Huntington, N.Y., run by Frank Globuschutz, or "Frankie O." In seven months, Kathy dropped 100 pounds and won two Golden Gloves matches. She also fought in the first women's match in Madison Square Garden in New York City. "I was a 25 to 1 underdog. It was a big historic moment, and I won," she says. As a welterweight with two world titles, Collins earns \$20,000 a fight, but she works hard. "You run for an hour in freezing cold, train for hours, and then you have horrible sparring." But, she adds, "the accomplishments I make over the weeks of training are mine." She and Frankie O. will be married later this year. How did they get together? "I thought he was gorgeous, but he blew me off because I was fat. Then I lost weight, and natural things began to happen. Men! What a crazy break!"



Vickie West, TOBACCO FARMER

Vickie West, 37, smokes a pack a day, rides a Harley and farms 20 acres of tobacco. In her spare time, she models at the department store in Fayetteville, N.C. Between September and April, she manages 15 greenhouses, raising vegetables. "I've always got my hands in the dirt," she says. Her son, Lance, 13, helps out, but Vickie still rides the tractors. Vickie says she loves "just being outside, getting dirty." She was named Cumberland County's Outstanding Young Farmer of 1994, but she takes her award in stride, noting that women have always farmed. Besides Lance, she and her husband, Larry, who works for Monsanto, have a daughter, Candace, 15. While acknowledging the dangers of smoking, Vickie points out that raising tobacco has been a respected livelihood in this country for generations. "You come to depend on it," she says. "You can grow it overseas, but you're going to put your own people out of business."



Gayle Murray, WELDER

Gayle Murray, 40, is a member of the Massachusetts Pile Drivers Local Union 58 in Boston. She is working on a tunnel project on the city's Central artery. Gayle says she's glad hands are intact, because "a lot of folks who work construction lose parts of their fingers." She is married to Brad "Dirt" Murray, and they have two children, Jeremiah Cade, 8, and Rebecca Rose, 7. After starting a career in fashion merchandising in 1978, Gayle moved to Portland, Maine, where she learned welding. At her first job, at a nuclear power plant in New Hampshire, she says, she was one of the first women workers. A co-worker told her, "You're a nice girl, but I can't help but feel you are taking a job from a man with a family." She replied: "I took the test, and I passed, and this is my job."



Wendy Domster, FIREFIGHTER

Wendy Domster, 40, heard about fire department tests at a time "10 years ago, when affirmative action was big and departments were pushing for women and minorities." She has worked for the city of Santa Clara Fire Department, near San Jose, for eight years. "Here in the Silicon Valley, hazardous materials burning are a big worry," she says. "Fighting these fires can be very calculated work." Getting a firefighting job can be "very competitive," she says, because "you go to work, and you're helping people. Everyone loves a firefighter. It initiates your ego—it's wonderful. I work 10 days a month, I work 24 hours every other day. The pay is excellent." With all that time off, Wendy says, she volunteers. "I'm very busy with community service. We give back to the city. I work with a foundation that takes burn survivors on ski trips. Some of these children are so badly burned, they have a hard time walking, and seeing them go down the hill like other kids brings tears to your eyes." Wendy is 5 feet 8 and weighs 163. To stay in shape, she runs, bikes, lifts weights, hikes, skis and swims. She doesn't own a TV, and she worries about the young people of today "losing the spiritual part of their souls," craving to be entertained. She plays in a Brazilian samba group and is building a house with some friends. Being a firefighter, she says, "is the greatest job in the world."

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What's Up This Week BOOKS

In the Days of Casablanca

Those movie buffs who lie in wait for TV reruns of *Casablanca* can kill time profitably with a new book by Richard E.

Osborne called **The Casablanca Companion: The Movie Classic and Its Place in History** (Riebel Roque Publishing Co., paperback \$18.95). This isn't the first or necessarily the best-written book about the famous 1942 movie starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, but it takes



describing the plight of refugees and generally capturing the wartime suspense and drama. He also examines the curious history of the movie itself, noting that many of the minor parts were played by European actors who actually had fled the Nazis and emigrated to Hollywood, among them S.Z. Sakall as Curi the waiter and Marcel Dalio as the

croupier. The book is handled by Seven Hills Book Distributors. (In stores, or \$22.45 postpaid from 1-513-381-3881.)

Another aspect of moviemaking is gorgeously covered in **Warner Bros. Animation Art** by Jerry Beck and Will Friedwald (Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, \$75). Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, the Road Runner and other Warner Bros. characters romp through these spectacular color pages. While animation history and technique are thoroughly explored, it's the Looney Tunes pictures that stand out. Everything's here except the tunes.

Mrs. Schindler's Story

"Anyone who has seen the film *Schindler's List*, about the industrialist who saved hundreds of Jewish workers from the Nazis during the German occupation of Eastern Europe, will find an engrossing sequel to that story in *Where Light and Shadow Meet*, by Mrs. Emilie Schindler with Erika Rosenberg (Norton, \$22). It's a curious kind of book, for it presents Oskar Schindler as a very complicated and unpredictable human being without in any way diminishing his acts of bravery or compassion. He went from actually working for the Nazis to outwitting and thwarting them; he was a good husband who nevertheless took outside lovers; he ran successful businesses and wound up a failure. Mrs. Schindler thoroughly substantiates the images of brutality and depravity depicted in the movie; as well as the endeavors of her husband and herself to save lives. Both on personal and historical levels, this is a moving book.



COUNT ME IN

What's in a Name? More Than You and I Ever Thought Possible

I admit it. I'm a skeptic. So it goes without saying that I find it difficult to accept concepts like numerology. How could the letters and numbers associated with my name and birthdate say anything at all relevant about me?

I may be a tough sell, but I don't like to leave any stone unturned—especially one that might actually help me in my personal life and career. So when I had the chance to have a numerology profile done I took it, in part to prove that my skepticism was well-founded.

I'd almost forgotten about the profile when the envelope arrived several weeks later. I flipped on my bed and tore it open, ready to laugh out loud at the stranger they described. The first paragraph made me sit up and take notice. By the third page, the truth had hit home loud and clear. This was no stranger I was reading about; this was me!

Still, it could have been a coincidence. So I convinced a friend to have hers done. Though we've been very close for over ten years, we're completely different. The perfect test.

We reviewed her profile together upon its arrival. It was nothing like mine. She was astounded as she recognized trait after trait.

With new respect for numerology, I decided to find out more. After numerous phone calls, I managed to track down Matthew Goodwin, a nationally recognized numerologist, and the expert responsible for my profile. I soon discovered that Goodwin rated among the top in his field: Author of *The Definitive Numerology: Complete The Complete Guide*, he had also appeared on radio and television, and written a column on numerology for a Los Angeles newspaper. In the 16 years that he worked as a professional numerologist, Goodwin helped thousands to discover their strengths, weaknesses, deep inner needs and emotions.

How does it work? It all starts with your name and birthdate. They are the data base, from which a numerologist is able to describe you sight unseen. "Number values" are assigned to the letters in your



name." Goodwin explained to me. "By adding these—with the numbers in your birthdate—in a multitude of combinations, a numerologist establishes your key numbers. He then interprets the meaning of these key numbers, which results in a complete description of your personal characteristics."

When I finally caught up with Goodwin in person, I immediately asked him how he became involved in numerology. After all, it's not your regular nine-to-five occupation. It turns out that he just stumbled into it some 20 years ago. At the time, the MIT graduate was a partner in an architectural firm, responsible for hiring new employees. He worked with an assistant who habitually "voided" her evaluation of prospective applicants each time she handed over a new resume. He found that her comments—whether good or bad—pegged the individuals he'd employed. "After a while I began to listen before I hired, rather than after," he said with a grin. "Her insights made a big difference in finding the right people."

After two years, the assistant moved away. Before she left, though, Goodwin asked her to share the "secret" of her success. The answer (much to his surprise)

was numerology. "The only way I could have ever believed in numerology was to see it work for two years and never know what it was," said Goodwin in retrospect. "I never would have believed it otherwise."

Goodwin's discovery of this science of numbers may have been startling, but it was hardly new. Not by a long shot. Numerology dates back thousands of years. Its father was the famous Greek mathematician, Pythagoras. During—time, however, numerology was reserved for rulers, who often used it when making critical decisions.

Today, anyone can profit from numerology. Take David Stone, for example: As a 39-year-old "computer" programmer, he never really liked his work. After receiving his numerology profile—which indicated an intense love for people and an aptitude for communication—he switched careers. Today, he's a satisfied, happy psychologist, who can't believe that he ever worked at a computer terminal.

Jim and Lisa Caye were able to improve—and, perhaps even save—their bumpy marriage with the aid of numerology. "From the very beginning, I was ul-

ways trying to change Lisa," admits Jim. "I always thought that my way was best." But instead of Lisa changing, fights and more fights resulted. Then they had their profiles done, and Jim gained new insight into what made his wife tick. That led to new respect. "For the first time I realized that she was not trying to be difficult; she was just being herself," he says. Not surprisingly, their fights grew less frequent, and the marriage began to flourish.

Goodwin's numerology profiles also helped Donna Thompson, a teacher who for years devoted herself to everyone but herself. Eventually that neglect began to take its toll—on her and her loved ones. When her profile revealed that she tended to allow herself to be treated like a doormat, she finally figured out that she had to take better care of her own needs. It's taken some work, but she no longer ignores herself . . . and no longer feels frustrated and resentful. Not surprisingly, both she and her family are a whole lot happier.

Whether you use numerology to examine your life, take advantage of unexplored opportunities, confirm talents that in your heart you know are there, or simply figure out where to go next, it can be a penetrating tool to help you better understand yourself. "Numerology gives you the whole picture," explained Goodwin. "You see all the diverse parts of your personality and how they uniquely come together to make the person you are. Through this complete view you're able to make the most of your strengths in a way that wasn't possible before."

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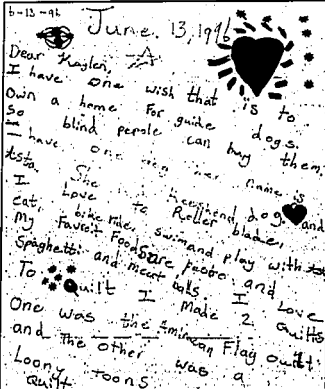
KRISTI ABBOTT had recently graduated from West school in High Windsor, N.J., and was looking forward to attending nearby Mercer County Community College in the fall. She worked at the mall, hung out with friends and lived with her mother. She never expected what she found in her mailbox that day in June 1996.

"I usually forgot about it," Kristi told me. "I looked at the letter and said, 'Oh, my God!' When my mom read the letter, she started crying."

Kristi is one of about 100 young adults who have had the same surprising, sometimes startling experience in the last five years. The letter she received was from a stranger who was oddly familiar, a correspondent who wrote as if she were an old friend but whom Kristi will never see again. The letter Kristi Abbott—now 19, and a psychology student—received was from Kristi Abbott, age 9. It was a message from the child she once was.

"I'm always very curious to know how my students turn out," Nancy Johnson told me. Johnson, who teaches a combined second- and third-grade class at Riverside Elementary School in Princeton, N.J., is a third-generation teacher (her daughter and daughter-in-

leven years ago, they were students together in the third-grade classroom of Nancy Johnson (left). Two years ago, Kristi Abbott, Joseph Andolina and Rachel Rothstein (l-r) all received startling letters mailed by Mrs. Johnson. Recently, they met in her classroom to reminisce about more innocent times.



Let's A Letter to Myself, by Kaylen Hagedorn (above), age 9. Kaylen wrote this letter 18 months ago as a second-grader in Nancy Johnson's class. Recently, Johnson offered her a sneak peek at the revelations meant for the eyes of a much-older Kaylen, then put the letter away and solemnly told her: "You have to develop amnesia now."

letters to themselves. She promised to deliver them nine years later, when the students were finishing high school and starting their adult lives. "I've been collecting the letters ever since," said Johnson.

Every year, Johnson asks the children in her class to write about the things that interest them: friends, pets, family, aspirations, hobbies. "We brainstorm questions to get types of information that they'll want to get in nine or 10 years," she said. "Some of them enclose pictures."

The letter is a homework assignment in the last week of school; the children provide stamped, self-addressed envelopes, as well as addresses of grandparents, aunts or uncles. "When the time comes to send the letters, I check to see if the same address is still listed in the phone book," said Johnson. "If it isn't, I send the letter to the alternate address." In five years, she has had only one letter returned as undeliverable.

For the students who receive them, the letters serve as a source of joy—and a priceless connection to a past that most of us can remember only dimly, if at all. "I forgot I was going to get a letter from Mrs. Johnson," Kristi told me when we sat down one afternoon in Princeton a year after she had received her letter.

law are teachers as well). Her doctorate in education and her recent part-time professorship at a local college testify to her dedication, but her interest in her students is far more personal than theoretical. "It's hard to let them go," said Johnson. "It's like having foster chil-

dren for a year and then having to send them out. I wanted to ensure that I would keep in touch with them."

Fifteen years ago, while teaching in the neighboring West Windsor-Plainsboro school district, Nancy Johnson asked her third-grade students to write

"I loved it," said Joey Andolina, one of Kristi's former classmates, recalling his letter. "It was full of laughs. I can't remember writing it. I remember third grade, vaguely. I was more shy, more on my own then—a little nervous kid."

Joey has blossomed into an affable, outgoing young man who studies economics and plays lightweight football for Princeton University, but receiving his letter from Nancy Johnson transported him to a pleasant past. "I got a big kick out of it," he said. "I got a laugh, and my mom got a laugh."

Over the years, Johnson herself has received dozens of letters from surprised—and delighted—former students. "I want to thank you for the great memories," wrote Caru Cluffiani, a student at Notre Dame. "The third grade was one of my best school years." Rachel Rothstein, a student at Goucher College, wrote to say she was moved by her letter: "I was definitely surprised to see my handwriting on an envelope with your return address. After reading my letter to myself, I discovered that I haven't changed too much. I still love to read." But Betsy Hunter had an opposite reaction: "Boy, have I changed," she wrote.

About a quarter of Nancy Johnson's former students are prompted to write to her after receiving their letters from themselves, often initiating a correspondence that goes on for years.

"Every year, somebody suggests that we have a third-grade reunion," she said. So far, that hasn't happened. On the day I visited, though, something else to it occurred, when Kristi and Joey came, by to talk. Nancy Johnson had run into Kristi at the mall several times over the years; she hadn't seen Joey in a decade. "I love him," he recognized her, she told me. "He has bright red hair." Three minutes later, two young adults entered the room: a poised, well-dressed young woman and a young man with—of course—flaming red hair. Their conversation ended in a frenzy of hugs and smiles. Teacher and former students repaired to a side of the classroom, sinking to their knees to study an old photograph on the wall: In her classroom, Nancy Johnson displays pictures of every class she has ever taught.

The conversation grew excited, with animated gestures as the three looked

at each face in the photograph. "He went to Notre Dame," said Joey, pointing at one student. "He goes to college in South Carolina," said Kristi, pointing to another. "Her mom came to a workshop I gave a couple of years ago." Nancy Johnson volunteered. Soon, the three were in a safe, warm world of their own, reliving a happy time that for most people exists only in memory. "I think it's important to let students know that someone cares about them down the years," Johnson said.

When Joey and Kristi left, two younger graduates of Nancy Johnson's classes dropped by. Kaylen Hagadorn and A.J. Sedgewick, now in fourth grade, wrote their letters to themselves just 18 months before. When I asked what they were like back then, both were quick with responses. "I was shorter," A.J. said with a friendly laugh. "I liked to read a lot," Kaylen told me. "I still do."

Still, when Nancy Johnson offered them a sneak preview of what they will find in their mailboxes almost a decade hence, the letters surprised them. "Oh, my gosh!" Kaylen howled. "I can't believe I said this!" Her surprise was about the fact that she mentioned her best friend's name 10 times—she found that repetitious. "She's already becoming an editor," Johnson marveled.

For his part, A.J. laughed at the greeting he had sent himself: "Congratulations!" You have made it through high school," he wrote. Both young people were already surprised by what they had chosen to say just a year and a half earlier. "I remember writing the letter," Kaylen said. "But haven't really thought about it. I can't believe I wrote four pages."

Then Nancy Johnson carefully collected Kaylen's letter—the four sheets of canary-yellow paper, lavishly illustrated by the author—and placed it back in its envelope. Then she took A.J.'s single sheet of ruled paper, neatly inscribed on both sides with the witty observations of his author—and did likewise. She gave both youngsters a solemn warning: "You have to develop amnesia now. I don't want you to remember that you ever read them."

Nancy Johnson placed both letters in a plastic bag labeled "2006," where they will wait until the day they introduce two young adults to the children they once were. **18**

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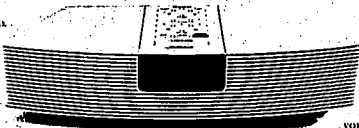
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Phil Sokolof, founder of the National Heart Savers Association

live in May 1996 who nevertheless continues his philanthropic work; Linda Beamer, 50, of Chicago, founder of Love Letters, in which volunteers write to dying children; Eugene Helm, 28, also of Chicago, who dropped out of college to care for his five nieces and nephews, aged 4 to 12, when they were left without a guardian; Thomas Cannon, 72, of Richmond, Va., a retired postal worker who has given nearly \$100,000 to the needy and the heroic; and Bill Thomas, 39, a doctor who found a way to turn nursing homes into caring communities. To nominate an "unsung hero" for a 1998 America's Award, send your nomination (preferably in the form of a newspaper or magazine article) to: America's Awards, Dept. P, 66 E. Main St., Pawling, N.Y. 12564. The deadline is March 2.

RUSSIAN ARMY IN BIG TROUBLE

The Red Army was once a formidable force, powerful enough to defend Russia's borders in Europe and Asia. Today's Russian Army is in a shambles, with no combat-ready units, says Mikhail Tsypkin, a Russian specialist at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. For the next five to 10 years, Moscow must rely on unclear weapons for defense. "The danger now," Tsypkin tells us, "is if political forces change and Russia is left vulnerable. Then everybody, including the U.S., could get into trouble."

Embeth Davidtz Bares Her Thoughts



An unhappy Embeth in *The Gingerbread Man*: Maybe she was hungry.

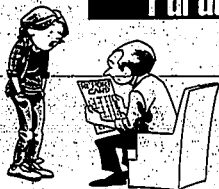
When you're 20, it's fine to look like Kate Moss," says Embeth Davidtz. "I'm not 20 anymore." The South African actress—who, at 32, is not exactly ancient—bares all in Robert Altman's latest film, *The Gingerbread Man*. "I didn't mind when I was doing it," she says of her nudity, "but it bothered me when I saw the film, because I was in a room with other people, and when the lights came up I'd have to shake their hands. "I was nude in *Schindler's List*—the shower scenes," she adds, "so I'm not upset by it. But in *Gingerbread Man* I looked quite frail, bony and odd. There's something that appeals to men in some dark way about a creature like that." The 5-foot-7 Davidtz says she looked too skinny and has gained 10 pounds.

Costs Cut Casino Profit

In its first full fiscal year, ending June 30, the Mohegan Sun—the casino owned by the Mohegan tribe of Connecticut—will make \$550 million. So, are all 1250 tribal members rich now? Not exactly. Up to 40% goes to the Mohegans' partner, Sol Kerzner, known as "South Africa's Donald Trump." The state gets 25% of slot-machine profits, \$500,000 goes to the nearby town of Montville, and there are hefty debt and expansion payments. Then, before there is any per capita distribution, the tribe must provide social services for its members—like care for the aged, housing, utilities, college tuitions, and funds for one Mohegan who hopes to play for the Red Sox.

HOEST AND JOHN REINER

Laugh Parade

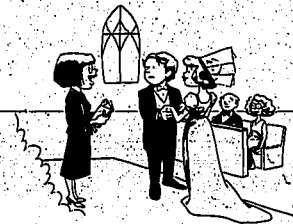


"It's just a correction."

HOWARD HUGE



"Well, he does have less than 12 items."



"You may now kiss the groom."

Ask Marilyn

I have a question about pollution. I realize that people have poured countless gaseous elements into our atmosphere that have had an enormous effect on the air we need for life. But how much of this goes on now vs. in the past? Coal was the main heating fuel, wood second, when I grew up in a small textile community in South Carolina. On a frosty winter morning, you could smell the coal with each breath. Wood too. Is pollution getting worse? Or better?

—William Neal, Gray Court, S.C.

Although we've learned from our mistakes, pollution will slowly but surely continue to get worse—despite our best efforts—because the human population is now so large that the very fact of our existence threatens that existence. Everything we do causes a change in the environment, and any change in the environment ultimately endangers

our organisms—like people—that evolved to survive in it before the change. Getting a grip on the planetary pollution situation would require exercising an authority that no one entity now has.

But don't blame us modern folks. All civilization causes change. For example, it has been discovered that silver refining by ancient Greeks and Romans covered the entire Northern Hemisphere with lead some 2500 years ago. About 400 tons of lead coated Greenland alone. According to



Is pollution today really worse than it ever was? And must it get worse still?

"It wasn't until I noticed my first real wrinkle that I realized perseverance isn't enough. You have to persevere fast."

Marilyn

a researcher at Domaine University in France, that was equal to about 15% of the fallout from leaded gasoline.

To avoid changing the environment, the world's population would have to turn the clock back

to prehistoric days. But who in the world would want to live that way?

My wife tells me not to use her sewing scissors on paper because it will dull them. Considering the relative hardness of steel and paper, how could this be?

—Alan Mebane, Redmond, Wash.

Paper is not as soft as you might think. In fact, much of it contains tiny bits of abrasive material similar to sand and harder than steel! Although the scissors themselves may look strong, their real cutting power lies in a very fine line—the cutting edge—and that edge is dulled by repeated abrasion. Cloth, on the other hand, usually contains far fewer abrasives. For maximum cutting power and longest life, you should dedicate a separate pair of scissors to each of your essential household tasks, such as

cutting hair, cutting cloth and clipping my column to post on your refrigerator door. (After all, this is what my mother does.)

A famous magician stood on a concrete floor and held a raw egg in his stretched hand. Without the aid of any other object, he dropped it 2 meters without breaking it's shell. How?

—Tara Bryan, Colville, Wash.
He held the egg up higher than 2 meters before he dropped it. I'll bet that egg didn't look so hot after it traveled a little further.

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ALLY WALKER

Brady's Bits

Personal:

Born Aug. 25,
1951, in
Tulahoma,
Tenn. Married
John Landgraf
in 1997;
one son, John,
5 months.

Television:

Includes *Santa
Barbara*, 1989;
Swimsuit, 1989;
True Blue,
1989-90;
*Moon Over
Miami*, 1993;
Profiler, 1996-.

Films:

Includes
Aloha Summer,
1988; *Singles*,
1992; *Universal
Soldier*, 1992;
*When the
Bough Breaks*,
1994; *White
Lilies*, 1995;
Nazam, 1996;
Bed of Roses,
1996.

HERE'S WHAT I LIKE —a beautiful actress who was born in Tennessee and grew up in Santa Fe and is now starring on a big TV series who says things like, "I was fascinated with Elizabethan England as a child and knew all about the Plantagenets [an English royal family before the Tudors], but deep down I really wanted to be Lucy [Lucille Ball]."

That's Ally Walker, a rather wonderful young woman who has just enjoyed a memorable year: getting married, having a first child and putting in a second solid year as star of NBC's *Profiler*. Ms. Walker plays the FBI forensic psychologist "Dr. Sam Waters," who has an uncanny (also improbable?) ability to visualize crimes through the eyes of both killer and victim. To make matters more intense, her husband on the show was bumped off three years earlier by "Jack of All Trades," a serial killer who, like Ally, is also in his second season.

Sound heavy? "Sam is lightening up," Ally assured me. "Remember, before this I did comedy." But before you think this is turning into a barrel of laughs, Ally also talked about "a new villain, a sidekick to Jack, who is really rather frightening."

Here we have an actress playing a scientist on TV who in real life actually studied to

Ally was confident NBC would spring for a third season of her show. "We'll know in the new year," she told me. "A few weeks ago, 'but I think as long as you have good characters, you can keep anything going. Just to keep exploring crimes can get boring.' Ally wasn't nearly that optimistic before *Profiler* actually went on the air. 'I was not hopeful,' she said. "I thought they would never allow a woman to be at the center of the action. I thought I might do comedy instead and was working on creating an idea, my first [professional] writing."

But then NBC bought *Profiler*. Meanwhile, she and an NBC exec named "John Landgraf got married, and in August, young John Walker was born. And where does the Landgraf family live? "Sort of near the ocean," Ally said guardedly,

become a scientist. Her father, worked in nuclear research at Los Alamos, and Ally majored in biology and chemistry in college. "I just sort of could do it," she said. After getting her degree from the University of California branch at Santa Cruz, she worked in research on a genetic engineering project. She also did some modeling for Clairol. Then a producer cast Ally in a low-budget Hawaiian flick called *Aloha Summer*—but it was TV's *Santa Barbara* that got her the first big recognition.

She stars on NBC's hit Saturday-night drama *Profiler* as an FBI forensic psychologist. In real life, Ally Walker once studied to become a scientist.

Among Ally's co-stars in recent films were the basketball player Shaquille O'Neal (in Disney's *Kuzaam*) and martial-arts master Jean-Claude Van Damme (in *Universal Soldier*). Talk about getting physical! What was it like? "Shaq was great," she said. "Very focused, which I guess is natural for an athlete, and he did a really good job."

As for Van Damme: "It was an action flick, and I was comic relief," she said. Any useful fitness tips from Jean-Claude? "He told me to eat right." **EW**



Lynn Minton Reports

Fresh Voices

TELLING STUFF TO MOM

Beth Coptis, 13, of Portage, Mich., told us about something she'd just found out:



Beth

"Now that I know moms talk to each other..."

A few weeks ago, I told my mom about something that was bothering me at school. Then, a few days later, one of my friends came up to me and asked me about it. It turns out that our moms had been talking, and my mother told her mother what I'd said. And her mom told *her*. What I'd told my mom was really no big deal, but now that

I know that moms talk to each other about things like that, I'll be careful what I say.

"DON'T TAKE MY HAT AWAY!"

Danny Smith, 16, of Elk Ridge, Md., thinks his rights are being violated at school.



Danny

Last fall, one of the principals in my school confiscated not one but two of my hats. When he took the second hat, he took me to his office, and he had a whole pile of hats. I would understand this if they took your property for the day, but they keep it until the end of the year. I think teachers do have the right to tell you to put your property away, and they can give you detention, suspend you or whatever. But I don't think they should be able to take away your property—even if the school rule is "no hats," and they do warn you first.

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